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Sonnets.

I
The New Colossus.
Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs stretched to command
Heretofore, here at our seat-borne
A mighty woman on a rock, whose flame
Is the imprisoned, broken, and unrested
Mother of Exiles. Her eyes have
Glowed world-wide, and her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that engirdles her
The cities of her realm.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give your poor, your
Your humble people, your best, your
The wretched, the homeless, the
Send these, the homeless, the wretched, the
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

1883.

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PURIM AS A GUIDE TO ANTI-SEMITISM

ONCE again we return at the festival of Purim to the perennial enigma of human relations—the hatred of the Jew by the non-Jew. The Scroll of Esther read on Purim offers us a realistic and dramatic discussion of anti-Semitism. The issues dramatized in Esther are unfortunately of pressing relevance today.

The words of Haman to King Ahasuerus, as told in the Megillah, is a classic formulation of the accusations pointed at the Jew down through the ages. "There is a certain people, scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom, their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not for the king's profit to tolerate them." The unassimilable characteristics of the Jew are the quotation marks around the word Jew that set it apart for scorn, derision and suspicion. The modern Hamans have not succeeded in adding any novel reasons for their hatred and persecution of the Jews to those of antiquity. Theirs is just a repetition of Haman's words, albeit with some modern embellishments.

Some of the statements and descriptions in the Book of Esther, are so realistic that upon reading them we forget the time span that separates us Jews of the 20th Century from the Jews in the days of Mordecai and Esther living under the Persian hegemony. But its captivating realism may turn out to be for us a snare and a deception; in the ageless quotations and accusations of Haman, we have the root cause of the hatred of the Jew. Modern depth-psychology has taught us that what seems to the human eye and the

human mind as real often conceals the actual truth. Certainly the apparently logical accusations of Haman so frequently repeated through the generations cannot explain the anti-Semitic convulsions of one of the most scientifically and culturally advanced of modern nations; nor can it explain, to take an example that comes readily to hand, the anti-Jewish obsession of the encyclopedic historian, Arnold J. Toynbee.

The accusation directed against the Jew that he possesses unassimilable characteristics setting him apart are but convenient rationalizations of an irrational hatred sunk deep into man's collective subconscious. The sage teachers of the Talmud who encountered a variety of manifestations of anti-Semitism in the various lands of the Jewish dispersion, sought to unravel the mystery of Jew-hatred by probing beneath the anti-Semitic clichés and getting to the soul and spirit of anti-Semitism. They traced the ideological and spiritual lineage of Haman to that cruel bedouin tribe, the Amalekites, who attacked the weary columns of the Israelites during the early stages of their desert sojourn. The Rabbis enjoined the reading of that section in the Torah telling the story of the Amalekite assault, and a parallel section on the Amalekites in the First Book of Samuel on the Sabbath preceding the Purim festival, thus giving it the name of Shabbat Zakor—the Sabbath of Remembrance. In this introduction to the Purim festival, the Rabbis point up an obvious lesson the Jews were not attacked by the Amalekites because they were different or disloyal or had peculiar customs. In outward appearances or circumstances the children of Israel were indis-

tinguishable from the Amalekites. "Remember," the Torah admonishes us, "what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary." The reason for this inordinate cruelty, the Torah tells us, was that Amalek, "Lo Yoreh Elohim"—did not fear God. (Prof. Umberto Cassuto notes that the name for God employed in this passage is Elohim, which connotes the universal character of the Godhood—the God of all nations and tribes.) "Lo Yoreh Elohim" is the root reason for anti-Semitism, the rest is a rationalized facade. Almost immediately after this story about the tribe that did not fear God, we are told of the Revelation on Mt. Sinai, the giving of the Ten Commandments to the children of Israel.

The Jew represents to humanity the Divine command to be human; the image of the Jew is to the world the symbol of the Ten Commandments and the Torah. Hatred of the Divine teachings reduces itself in time into a blind and irrational hatred of the Jew, though it may hide behind the cloak of moral indignation and historical judgments. Jew-hatred is the anti-God in man struggling against the dictates of God. Psycho-analysis, that branch of psychology which probes beneath the deceptive layers of consciousness, is increasingly recognizing the spiritual dimension in the phenomenon of anti-Semitism.

For us Jews it is of great importance to comprehend the inner realities of anti-Semitism, so that we may come to understand our unique position in the human psyche and appreciate the role we have played and are destined to play in the spiritualization of Mankind.

DR. BENJAMIN KREITMAN.

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בנינו לבין עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

We Take Pride in a Center Boy Abroad

I AM again making use of this column to publish a most interesting letter from one of our young people, Edward M. Karlin, son of members of long standing, who was reared in our beloved institution as a student in the Hebrew School and member of our Junior Congregation. It came to me after the High Holy Day season, and it gave me so much pleasure and spiritual satisfaction that I want to share these feelings with you. Here is his letter:

"I can remember coming to the Brooklyn Jewish Center for the Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur services as a child, long before I could understand the deep significance and beauty of the holiday period. This was the first year when I could not be at the Center for the holidays and I would like you to hear of the most interesting way in which I observed the holidays.

"Keflavik Airport in Iceland, where I am stationed as a private in the Army Audit Agency, is a small yet vital link in the chain of United States overseas bases. Iceland has no armed force of its own, but as a member of Nato has invited the Iceland Defense Force to its shores. Among the men in the army, navy and air force components making up the Defense Force there are approximately sixty Jews.

"Numerous attempts were made to find a Jewish chaplain or a civilian rabbi—there is no Jewish chaplain or rabbi in Iceland—who would be available for the high holiday period and be able to conduct a service for us, but there was only one rabbi for the entire North Atlantic area and he was assigned to Thule, on the arctic circle in Greenland.

"Due to the unselfish assistance of the base Protestant chaplain and the operations officer plans were formulated to fly as many of the men as possible to England so that they could attend regular services, under the guidance of a rabbi, in Manchester. Two flights were planned; one for Rosh Hoshanah and one for Yom

Kippur. All those who could not make the first trip were to be accommodated on the Yom Kippur flight so that each of us could enjoy the benefits of an organized service.

"Two days before the first flight was scheduled to depart the plane which had been assigned developed motor trouble and was put out of commission. We were resigned to spending the holidays in Iceland when another plane was made available to us, almost at the last moment, and early on the morning of Monday, September 27, together with thirty other men, I took off for England.

"After a pleasant trip by plane and bus we arrived at the Manchester synagogue just before the service was to begin and without any knowledge on the part of the congregation that we were coming. The *shul* was new, having been completed only a year previous.

"Before the singing of 'Yigdal' the rabbi, replete with top hat and tails, announced to the congregation that some American servicemen from Iceland were in England for the holidays and would the members please extend their hospitality to these visitors. Realizing that there had been no notice of our coming we did not and could not expect to be received by the members of the congregation in the wonderful way in which we were. Every one of us was invited to share the table and the homes of these thoughtful people.

"As I was leaving the *shul*, wondering where and how I was to spend the night, I hardly expected what was to follow. A man dressed in what we Americans would call a typical English manner came up to me and asked in a typical English accent if I would like to spend the holidays with his family and sleep at the home of one of his neighbors who was then attending services in another Manchester *shul*. I am sure that I accepted before he finished his invitation.

"During the next few days I was treated as a member of the family.

"It is interesting to note that the Manchester Jews who so readily invited thirty-one foreigners into their homes without notice and without preparation did so without any desire for thanks. It was to them a simple gesture of brotherhood from one Jew to another, from one human to another. I wonder if nations could not learn a lesson from these wonderful people. If they could there would no longer be a need for an Iceland Defense Force. Edward M. Karlin."

The letter is so well written, and expresses the solidarity of Jews throughout the world in so touching a fashion, that no additional comment on my part is necessary. It is good to know that we have had some share in rearing a young Jew of such fine and strong Jewish sentiments. That was the aim and hope of those who founded and built this institution, and we are thankful that we have succeeded in a large measure.

Israel H. Levinthal

Correction

In the book criticisms which appeared in the January issue of the *Review*, written by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, two regrettable errors appeared in the review of "The Need to Believe—The Psychology of Religion," by Mortimer Ostow and Ben-Ami Scharfstein.

The second paragraph should have read, "It reveals a thorough mastery of the theories of all the leading authorities."

The paragraph next to the last should have read, "Drs. Ostow and Scharfstein make a good case in their *refutation* of Freud's theory that the religious person manifests the continued illusions of the child, and show their agreement with Freud's brilliant pupil, Carl Jung, who holds that religion represents 'the cumulated wisdom of mankind.'"

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THE FRAIL COLOSSUS

By ALFRED WERNER

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations has undertaken to erect a granite memorial to Emma Lazarus in Battery Park. The City has already provided a place for it, and the block of granite has been sent for the purpose from Israel. On the base will be a replica of the salute to the Statue of Liberty which Miss Lazarus wrote as her offering for an auction of manuscripts of noted authors, the income from which was to be used to build a pedestal for the Statue, a gift from France. Her poem is inscribed on a plaque on the pedestal, reproduced in the illustration on this page. Coincidentally, funds are now being raised by the Federation for the carving and erection of the memorial.

IN THE summer of 1876 Ralph Waldo Emerson and his family in Concord, Mass., had a visitor from New York, a certain Miss Emma Lazarus. Ellen Emerson, a daughter of the philosopher, writes in her diaries of her experience in meeting "a real unconverted Jew who had no objection to calling herself one, and talked freely about 'our Church' and 'we Jews' . . . brought up to keep the law, and the Feast of the Passover, and the Day of Atonement . . . she says her family are outlawed now, they no longer keep the law, but Christian institutions don't interest her either."

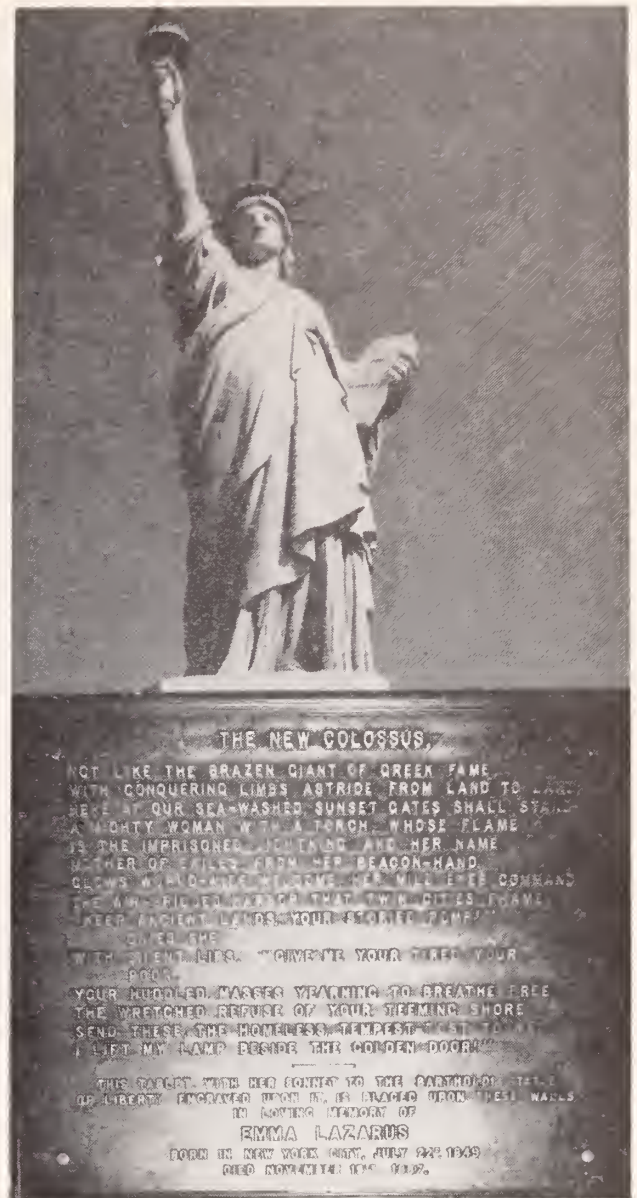
These strange lines are included in the monumental *Life of Ralph Waldo Emerson* by R. L. Rusk, who says that the pleasant, simple-mannered Jewish spinster made an excellent impression on the New England family.

It is likely that nine out of ten Americans who read about this episode may not have heard of Emma Lazarus, even if they are familiar with her famous sonnet engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Fate was unkind to her during her lifetime, and it has not grown kinder in the six decades that have

**The Story of
Emma Lazarus
Who Wrote
The Immortal
Sonnet to
Compassion and
In Tribute to
Her Land
Which is
Inscribed on the
Pedestal of the
Statue of Liberty.
A Memorial to
Her Will Soon
Be Erected in
Battery Park**

passed since her premature death. Yet she was more than just a strange little creature imbedded in the transparent amber of Emerson's personality, and she deserves more than just a footnote in the history of American literature. The Lazarus biographies by Allen Lesser, Heinrich Eduard Jacob, and others reveal a fascinating person, interesting from many viewpoints. The psychiatrist will notice, with a great deal of pity, the factors that prevented her from becoming as outstanding a figure in literature as, for instance, Emily Dickinson; the historian of American life and letters will be forced to admit that with all her shortcomings, this frail New Yorker has not been duly

appreciated by critics and literati; the Zionist, finally, will discover that Emma Lazarus espoused the idea of self-emancipation long before Herzl, and that some of her writings in verse and prose belong to the golden treasury of Zionist ideology. One biographer pointed out frankly the sickness that marred her private life and almost destroyed her talent: it was what the Freudians call an Oedipus complex, torturing her beyond her adolescent years. Emma was attractive and rich, yet no men of her age ever entered her life; the only men she was attached to were her father and old men like Emerson and Robert Browning. Not only was she her father's girl, but everything in



The plaque of the Emma Lazarus sonnet on the Statue of Liberty.

her life centered around her father to such a degree that even to think of a marriageable man must have seemed sinful to her. As for Moses Lazarus, the father, he hired the best tutors to give his favorite daughter an excellent education, and let her lead the sheltered life of a pampered hot-house flower. Her body was frail and sickly and her mind was unacquainted with the realities of life. She never knew the fears and hopes of a young girl and when, at eighteen, she published her first volume of poetry, her verses turned out to be as beautiful as—dried flowers in a herbarium.

Plagued by her father complex, caged in her family clan, she was, moreover, condemned to live in the Victorian era, with its double standard and its discrimination against women. Emma's idol, Marian Evans (better known as "George Eliot"), boldly defied her century by living an absolutely "shocking," unconventional life. Emily Dickinson was a victim of American Puritanism, but once, at least, she let her heart triumph over society's rules. Though she lived the life of a recluse, in her bold verses Emily questioned everything, mercilessly tearing down the traditional conceptions. Except for her last few years, however, Emma used the accepted poetical language and *forma* of her period, pouring into those vessels the insipid fruits of second-hand experiences—literature begotten through literature. To quote from one biography, "There are bold ideas that cannot be thought when one sits down three times a day at table with the face of one's respectable middle-class father and a pack of sisters opposite one." When she wrote a novel about young Goethe's love affair with a simple country lass, Emma failed dismally, despite her great literary skill and her erudition; for she knew next to nothing about the emotional stirrings in the sexes.

As far as the first period in Emma's literary life—the years between 1867-1881—is concerned, Ludwig Lewisohn was justified in asserting (in "The Story of American Literature") that Emma "wrote as pseudo-nobly and conventionally as the other sonneteers and odic gesticulators" of what he termed "an age not of silver but of tin." Still, in those years, during which Emma rarely associated herself with anyone outside her family, rarely left her home in the then

fashionable Union Square, this dependent, insecure spinster produced a large number of exquisite translations. Her very drawback, her lack of originality, her inability to venture into unknown waters now became a great asset. With Schiller she sailed to the land of classical German idealism; with Victor Hugo she entered the realm of French romanticism; she, who was so utterly devoid of irony and sarcasm, managed to render almost perfect English translations of Heinrich Heine's "Donna Clara," the Tannhauser legend, and many other satirical poems

THE NEW COLOSSUS

By Emma Lazarus

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 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

of the wit of Duesseldorf. Her remarkable translation of the first act of Goethe's "Faust"—she boldly transposed the original doggerels into Elizabethan iambics—cause us to regret that she did not translate the whole work. To the Anglo-Saxon world she made available several Italian poets, as well as the great Jewish singers of medieval Spain, including Ibn Gabirol and Judah Halevi. It has been said that if the translator is a good poet he substitutes his verse for that of the original, whereas, if he is a bad

one, he gives us bad verse. But Miss Lazarus' translations are perfect, *belle et fidele*.

Then there is her poetic drama, the "Dance to Death," written in the late seventies. The scene is laid in the town of Nordhausen, in medieval Germany. Young Prince William of Thuringia vainly seeks to shield the local Jews since he is in love with the daughter of the Jewish elder, Suesskind von Orb. This plot is trite, but the drama contains several excellent long speeches made by Suesskind, who first appeals to his Christian fellow-townsmen and then, when the pogrom seems inevitable, urges his co-religionists to die in dignity "as warriors of the Lord."

Was it a deep Jewish consciousness, a strong awareness of Jewish suffering that permitted the young poetess to top all her previous accomplishments with this verse play? Although Emma, in her earlier years, had not completely eschewed Jewish topics (see, for instance, "In the Jewish Synagogue at Newport"), she was, by her own admission, devoid of both religious and national fervor. Mr. Jacob hints that she managed to offer such a convincing portrait of the noble old Jew, Suesskind von Orb, chiefly because there she had a chance of giving us "an idealized version of her father." She let several years pass before she handed the manuscript of the "Dance to Death" to the printer—and the reason is significant.

In the summer of 1881 the first boatload of wretched Jewish refugees from Tsarist oppression reached New York. Emma, who a few months earlier innocently deplored the assassination of Tsar Alexander II, the "poor old man," went to meet the refugees on Ward's Island as a member of the reception committee. The intellectual and emotional changes she now underwent can be compared to those of the young Theodor Herzl when, as a Paris correspondent of a Viennese daily, he heard Alfred Dreyfus shout, "I am innocent!" Emma arrived as a society lady, and as a Sephardi, who understood that those Ashkenazi brethren were a lower, if pitiable, breed. To her surprise she found in the sheds of the island "men of brilliant talents and accomplishments—the graduates of Russian universities, scholars of Greek as well as Hebrew, and familiar with all the principal European tongues—engaged in menial

drudgery and burning with zeal in the cause of their wretched coreligionists."

There is an element of snobbery even in this statement but in any event, a vital change had come into Emma's life and it would no longer be aimless. Some time earlier she had, in one of her rare moments of ruthless self-examination, complained to a friend, the critic and editor, Edmund C. Stedman, that she had "accomplished nothing to stir, nothing to awaken, to teach or to suggest, nothing that the world would not equally well do without." Virtually overnight this *l'art pour l'art* poet became a modern Deborah, a fighting journalist. When, in "The Century Magazine" (which often had published Emma's beautifully chiselled verses) a Madame Ragozin defended the Russian pogroms "from the Russian point of view," Emma counterattacked with vigor, and with the skill of a trained pamphleteer. And when, in the land of the pogroms, Leo Pinsker published his "Auto-Emancipation," this little bourgeois lady was among the few to congratulate the seer on his Zionist concepts. In a most readable series of "Epistles to the Hebrews" she formulated her ideas about the Jewish people, asserting, in an era of assimilation and mimicry, that it was unworthy of the Jews to obliterate their traditions, to efface their identity: "Fancy a self-respecting American, Englishman, Frenchman, etc., endeavoring to impose upon his neighbors the idea that he belongs to a race other than his own! . . . I shall endeavor to impress upon my readers the urgent necessity for reform along the whole line of Jewish thought and Jewish life, and for a deepening and quickening of the sources of Jewish enthusiasm."

She engaged in numerous practical activities to alleviate the plight of the newcomers, to rehabilitate them in the New World. Yet she realized that it was not sufficient to open the gates of America to those refugees who wanted to be free in a free country. They ought to be free "to love the law that Moses brought, To sing the songs of David, and to think the thoughts Gabirol to Spinoza taught, Freedom to dig the common earth, to drink the universal air . . ." as she would express herself, poetically and clearly, in one of her stirring "Songs of a Semite."

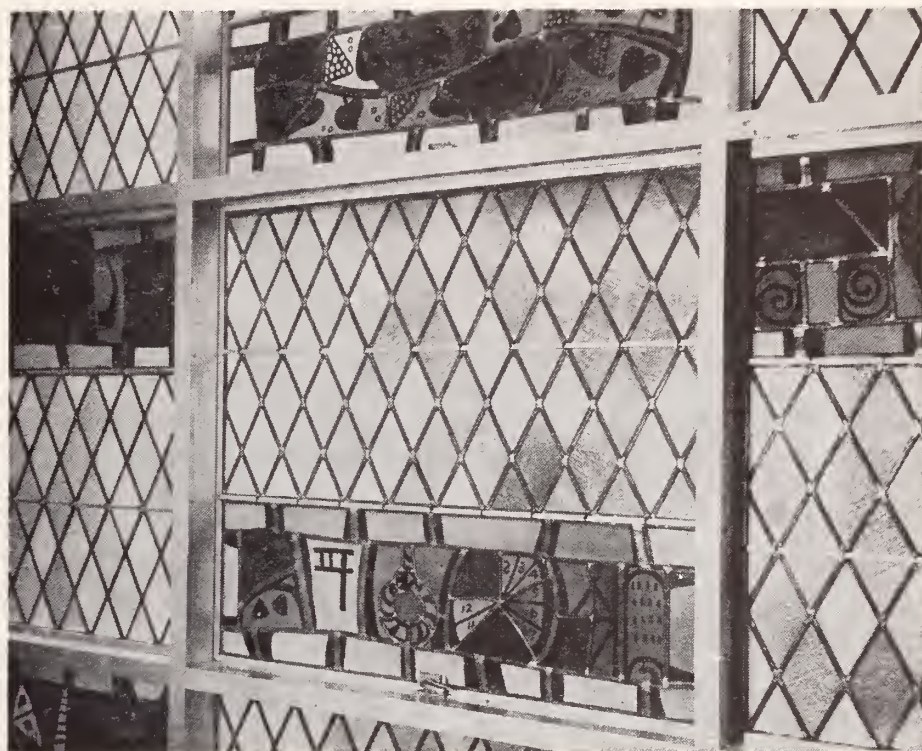
Having left her ivory tower, she attacked all kinds of infringements of the

individual's rights, including the establishment of "restricted" summer resorts, and the quota system in colleges. Were she living today, this unobtrusive, sensitive society girl would, in all likelihood, be called subversive, for in her last years she uttered such "radical" thoughts as the following: "The Jew (I say it proudly rather than deprecatingly) is a born rebel.

He is endowed with a shrewd, logical mind, in order that he may examine and protest; with a stout and fervent heart, in order that the instinct of liberty may grow into a consuming passion, whereby, if need be, all other impelling motives shall be swallowed up." This daughter of an industrialist proudly traced "the

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TRIBUTE IN STAINED GLASS



THE Park Avenue Synagogue recently erected a tribute to its famed Rabbi, the late Dr. Milton Steinberg, in the form of a memorial house which is being used to provide more and better educational facilities needed by the congregation. The Milton Steinberg Memorial is next door to the synagogue, at 50 East 87th Street. It is distinguished by a unique stained-glass window which forms the entire facade of the structure, from the top of the entrance doors to the roof, and across the full width. There are 91 separate windows in the facade, designed by Adolph Gottlieb. The larger part of each window contains many diamond-shaped panes, but at the bottom of each is a stained-glass "pictograph," as the artist calls it, representing Jewish rituals, customs and history.

Mr. Gottlieb designed 21 of these pic-

tographs, and they are repeated throughout the facade. The total height of the facade is 55 feet and the width 30 feet. Since the facade is also a wall, the effect from inside is colorful and extremely decorative, while viewing the wall from the outside is both an esthetic and startling experience.

So interesting and unusual is this Memorial that the U. S. State Department photographed it and has sent the collection of pictures, with descriptive notes, to 77 countries where we have Information centers. They are being displayed there to demonstrate a fine example of synagogue and educational structure in America. The illustration above is reproduced from one of these photographs and shows the stained-glass panel derived from Purim symbols.

The following is an address delivered some time ago at the Jewish Theological Seminary by Dr. I. I. Rabi, who was recently appointed the American Representative to the United Nations "Advisory Committee For Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy." Dr. Rabi, a Nobel Prize Winner, is a professor of Physics at Columbia University. His address is particularly pertinent at this time.

THE last time I had to make a public address on an occasion of significance to Jewish life was at my Bar Mitzvah party. I then explained to my puzzled elders how an electric light bulb was put together and what made it shine. Although I felt that the topic was not traditional and perhaps even inappropriate, I nevertheless understood it better than the Haftorah I had read at the synagogue earlier in the day.

This afternoon almost thirty-six years later I will continue and say what I left unsaid in my earlier attempt. Instead of speaking to my elders, I now address myself to my juniors. Instead of speaking with the eagerness of new discovery, I now speak with the conviction and reserve of experience.

My topic is Science and Man, not Science and Humanity, which is too large and too small a subject, and in any event dismal and inappropriate for this happy occasion. I shall not tell you about the atomic bomb and whether it will destroy us or bring us a new paradise of even more extreme mechanization. Rather than the material side of the application of scientific discovery, I want to stress the intellectual, esthetic, and moral, and even spiritual significance of scientific thought and experiment.

Modern science, as distinguished from the science of the ancients, is based on the most difficult of all human attitudes, humility. Not for the scientist is the attitude of arrogantly constructing a closed system of the world, of the moral, religious, or even the natural world. The scientific conception may be bold, but it is tentative and diffidently put. This scientific attitude is not the result of original grace but has been learned in the school of intellectual hard knocks over a period of more than twenty-five centuries.

Many a principle or system of natural

A Statement of Faith by A Man Who is Helping to Carry Out President Eisenhower's "Atoms For Peace Plan"

SCIENCE AND MAN

By DR. I. I. RABI

law, brilliantly and broadly conceived and pursued to its last exact detail, has perished. They have perished, not through any flaw in the reasoning or meanness of conception, not through a change in scientific fashion, or through persecution by hostile enemies of other scientific faith. They have perished because they have not stood up to the test of experiment.

Newton's laws of motion and the sublime concept of universal gravitation which govern and accurately predict the motions of the planets and replace the celestial spheres of the ancients with the nobler concept of the stars in their courses, had to be put aside for the more profound theory of general relativity and for quantum mechanics.

I will not go into details. At Columbia

it takes about two years to put these ideas across to graduate students, but I wish to take one example that illustrates what we call scientific progress. Let us consider the Law of Universal Gravitation as stated by Newton almost three hundred years ago. This Law states that two bodies will attract one another by a force which is inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them and proportional to the product of their masses. How does one explain such a law, how can two bodies attract one another when there is nothing in between? Such a concept is certainly entirely beyond ordinary human experience. If one wants to bring two bodies together in ordinary experience, one



Dr. Rabi, U. S. A. Representative of the United Nations "Advisory Committee for Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy," shakes hands with the Soviet Union Representative, Dimitri V. Skokeltzin, at a meeting in a U.N. chamber. Between them is the United Kingdom Representative, Dr. J. V. Dunworth.

pushes, pulls, or throws them together. How can attraction exist in empty space? How do you explain Universal Gravitation? What causes it?

The answer is, of course, that it is not one of the things one explains, because it is too fundamental, too elementary. Other phenomena are explained in terms of Universal Gravitation and not the other way around. One gets used to it, but one does not explain it. Universal Gravitation is a marvel of nature; we admire the originality and creativeness of nature which endowed matter with such a property. It was beyond human foresight to have imagined it without first observing it in nature, but within the bounds of human understanding to study it and enjoy it in all detail. It is within the bounds of human understanding to use this law to predict the motions of the planets and even the stars in their courses. So successful were these laws in enabling us to order, understand, and predict phenomena that they were taken as a model for other forms of understanding. Some took them to their hearts with love and faith and called themselves materialists. Others look upon them with a kind of horror and fascination because they seemed to imply a mechanical universe and to impair the dignity of man and the human spirit.

Now the idea of Universal Gravitation is gone and is replaced by Einstein's Relativity of the Curvature of space and time. It is a notion which is as foreign to us as action at a distance was to Newton's contemporaries, but in a few generations it will be as familiar to the man in the street as Newton's laws are now. High School students will accept it as uncritically and pass examinations with high grades.

In the evolution of scientific thought and knowledge of nature, the first lesson is that of humility. Great as is the power of the intellect, it cannot grasp and understand the natural world at one stroke. We learn by observation, and even the most profound synthesis must be checked at every point by experiment, that is, by referring it back to nature only to find ultimately that it is inadequate. Our inventiveness and imagination will never serve to cover all of nature, because it will turn out to be as infinitely subtle and profound. The difficulties are not those of complexity but of originality beyond our power to foresee until it is actually

presented to us by observation and experiment.

These lessons in humility must certainly carry over to other fields of human activity. The scientist has learned not to be skeptical of his ideas and principles but to be aware that they will have a limited validity and scope and to expect them to change as he learns more. The attitude is even more positive in that he wishes to learn more in order to see what new, fascinating form his ideas and principles will be forced. The scientist cannot be an agnostic in science. He has to work with the ideas and principles which are available to him, because he has no others in his quest for greater knowledge.

I have presented to you the scientist's

picture of himself. In doing so I am afraid I have left out all the color and emotion which attend the scientific life, the turmoil and excitement of discovery. The pangs of creation, the bitter disappointment of finding a wonderful idea which does not happen to be the way of nature.

Particularly in this atomic age the picture which I have given of the scientist is certainly not the silhouette in which he figures in the newspapers. Twenty-five years ago Einstein was revered as the man who had broadened our view of the world and given us an understanding of space and time. Today he is probably better known as one of the authors of the atomic

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A BIBLICAL MAP OF AMERICA



DR. MOSHE DAVIS, Provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, together with Mrs. Lottie Davis, have carried out a novel idea in fashioning a beautiful map of America depicting the cities that bear Biblical names. It not only gives the names, but also the Biblical quotation that marks the significance of the name. It was a work that required much scholarship and artistic skill, and shows the influence of the Bible in the making of America "The Land of Our Fathers." In many instances the authors give the historic explanation for the choice of the Biblical name.

As the authors note in the "guide" which accompanies the map, "If one's

child was to be called by a Biblical name, why not one's town and city? Thus began to appear along America's expanding frontiers hundreds of place names of Biblical origin."

Colorful illustrations by the well-known artist, Charles Harper, add still further to the artistic merit of the map. It makes a fine wall decoration and both adults and children will be fascinated by it. The map is published by the Associated American Artists Galleries, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York, and can also be purchased at all the leading Jewish book firms.

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NEWS OF THE CENTER

Rabbi Lewittes to Preach At Late Services Friday

Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Rabbi in charge of our Hebrew School, will preach at the Late Lecture Services this Friday night, February 25th, at 8:30 o'clock. His subject will be "A Message for Brotherhood Week." This sermon is on the occasion of Brotherhood Week which is celebrated from February 12th through February 22nd, at which time all Americans are called upon to recognize the basic principles of Brotherhood which are the foundation of our democratic way of life.

Cantor Sauler will lead in the congregational singing and render a vocal selection. All members, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Advance Notice

Next Friday, March 4th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services, we shall be privileged to have Rabbi Max Schenk of Temple Shaari Zedek as our guest preacher.

Zionist Activities at Center

The Zionist District No. 14 has taken the Broadway show "Plain and Fancy" on behalf of the Zionist Fund and Youth Commission for the performance of Thursday evening, April 28th. Tickets are moderately priced and may be obtained at once from Mr. Sam Palley, Chairman; Abe Meltzer, Co-chairman, or Anne Seidenstein, Secretary, at the Z.O.A. office at the Center.

The District is planning to honor Mr. Leo Kaufmann at a Purim Party to be held at the Center on Thursday evening, March 10th, an annual function for the aid of the United Jewish Appeal. All members of the Center who are also members of the Zionist Organization of America are cordially invited to attend.

Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with grateful thanks receipt of the following donations:

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Halperin for Prayer Books in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah; Mr. and Mrs. David Gold for books in our library in honor of their son's first birthday.

LEVINTHAL LECTURESHIP FUND DINNER INSPIRING SUCCESS

THIS year's annual dinner in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary, held on Monday evening, February 7th, at the Center, proved to be another milestone in Center history. A capacity audience came to pay tribute to the honored guest, our beloved Rabbi, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, on the occasion of the establishment in his name of an Endowed Lectureship in Homiletics at the Seminary, in commemoration of his thirty-fifth anniversary as the Center's spiritual leader.

Mr. Max Herzfeld, chairman of the campaign to raise the Lectureship fund, extended a hearty welcome to all and paid warm tribute to his co-chairmen, Messrs. Harry Blickstein, Reuben Frieman, Julius Kushner, Harry Leventhal, Frank Schaeffer and David Spiegel, for their part in making the evening so successful. Dr. Moses Spatt, Center president, extended greetings in behalf of the Center's Board of Trustees and thanked Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman for originating and implementing the Lectureship project. Dr. Levinthal spoke inspiringly of his many years of association with the Jewish Theological Seminary and the important role of that Institution in the American Jewish community. He compared it and its role with the great Jewish scholar and leader of the middle ages, Moses Maimonides, whose 750th Yahrzeit is being celebrated this year. Maimonides, the greatest codifier of Jewish Law and the most prominent philosopher and physician of his time, found it necessary to publish his famous "More Nebuchim," The Guide for the Perplexed, in order to resolve the many doubts concerning the Jewish faith which were caused by the then popular philosophic and scientific speculations.

The Jewish Theological Seminary, through its founders and its outstanding scholars, has become the "More Nebuchim" of modern American Jewry, the leader and the guide for the perplexed Jewish masses. Dr. Levinthal expressed his appreciation and gratitude to all who participated in the efforts to establish the Lectureship.

Following Dr. Levinthal's address, Judge A. David Benjamin outlined the rabbi's role in the growth and development of the Brooklyn Jewish Center and the great influence of his leadership and teachings on the Seminary and on Conservative Judaism throughout the land.

The guest speaker of the evening and representative of the Seminary was Dr. Abraham S. Halkin, professor of history at the Seminary and a well known Hebrew Scholar. Dr. Halkin emphasized the urgent need of intellectualism and learning in the selection of community leadership. He paid tribute to Dr. Levinthal for his great achievements in behalf of the Center, his community and the Jewish People as a whole.

A special illuminated scroll, containing the names of all participants in the dinner and certifying the establishment of the Lectureship Fund, was presented to Dr. Levinthal by Dr. Benjamin Kreitman.

Others participating in the evening's program were Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, who gave the invocation, Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, who pronounced the benediction, and Cantor William Sauler, who led in the singing of the Grace.

According to reports by the campaign committee, the financial results of the dinner were gratifying. The goal set by the committee, however, is far from reached. All members are urged to remit their checks and pledges if they have not already done so. Checks are to be made payable to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

We are certain that all members and all those who are privileged to know Rabbi Levinthal and his work will want to participate in this great tribute to the man we all honor, love and cherish.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to Rabbi Manuel Saltzman, our former Associate Rabbi and Mrs. Saltzman of 680 West End Avenue, New York, on the birth of a daughter, Ruth Sharon, on February 13th.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE NEWS

IT IS our pleasure to report that at the recent Young People's League Convention, held in Washington, D. C., over the weekend of Washington's Birthday, our Honorary President, Harold Kalb, was elected President of the National Organization of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America.

This is the first time in the history of the YPL that any one Jewish Center has produced two national Presidents. A former President of the Young Folks League, Mr. Irvin Rubin, also attained this high office.

The leadership which Harold has supplied on every level of YPL activity, in addition to his wide experience in Jewish community life, endow him with particular qualification for this office, and we know that the organization will flourish and grow under his guidance.

We congratulate him on his election and know that his achievements will reflect great honor on our own organization.

Another former YFL President, Mr. Morris Hecht, was honored at a brunch which was held on Sunday morning, February 13, arranged by our Host and Hostess Committee. Members and former active members of our group who have since married, as well as friends of our guest of honor, were invited.

A warm and friendly spirit prevailed, and all present expressed a desire to attend more such brunches. Many of our newer members also had the opportunity to learn of the growth of former members and discover the chain of development of a productive member of our community.

The time for elections of our Officers and Executive Board of our group is rapidly approaching. Our Nominating Committee has already held its first meeting in which a tentative slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Board was prepared. The Committee is composed of a member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Board of Governors, Rabbi Kreitman, three members of our Executive Board and three members of the general membership selected by the President of our group.

The second meeting of this Committee will be an open one at which our mem-

bers can recommend either themselves or some other member of our group for any office. We suggest that you listen carefully for all announcements of the coming election and avail yourself of all rights that you have as a member.

This year we shall hold our annual Cotillion on the evening of Saturday, May 7, and for the first time it will be held jointly with the Young Married Group of our Center, which numbers among its members many of our former members.

The committee for the Cotillion now consists of Dave Yawitz, Al Glickman and Grace Tyger, co-chairmen, and Eleanor Rubin, associate chairman, all representing our group, and William Brief and Elmer Riffman, representing the Young Married Group.

Since this is the highlight social affair of our season, every member should attend.

Schedule of Coming Meetings

Wednesday, March 2 — Continuation of Center Forum series. Abraham Heschel will be guest lecturer.

Wednesday, March 9 — Purim Festival Program.

Wednesday, March 16—UJA night.

Wednesday, March 23—Dramatic group will present the one-act play, "Write Me A Love Scene."

Wednesday, March 30 — Production of "Song of Songs."

All of these programs will be followed by refreshments and dancing. Admission upon presentation of membership card only.

Special Events

Sunday, February 27, 8 p.m. — Young Folks League. Ice Skating Party, Flushing Meadows Ice Skating Rink.

Monday, March 7—Purim Service.

Every Sunday at 2 p.m. — Bowling at Kings Recreational Center, Clarkson and New York Avenues, Brooklyn.

Every Friday night—Young Folks League. Oneg Shabbat at the Center following late Friday Night Service. Members and their friends are invited.

Tuesdays, on March 1-15-29—Arts and Crafts Interest Group.

Tuesday, March 22—Bridge and Scrabble Interest Group.

MICHAEL J. ROSENFELD,
President.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

COHEN, MISS LILLIAN: Res.: 1453 Prospect Pl.; *Proposed by* Michael J. Rosenfeld, Harold Kalb.

DICKMAN, BERNARD G.: Single; Res.: 1625 Prospect Pl.; Student, R.C.A. Institute.

FASS, DAVID: Married; Res.: 256 Herzl St.; Bus.: Mgr., Metal Mfg., 490 Johnson St.; *Proposed by* Solomon Raphael, Theodore Herman.

GOODMAN, JOSEPH: Married; 377 Eastern Pkwy.; Bus.: Supervisor, Adult Educ., Brooklyn College; *Proposed by* Harold W. Hammer.

HARRIS, LEONARD L.: Res.: 3968 Bedford Ave.; Bus.: Insurance, 50 Court St.; *Proposed by* Frank F. Rose.

KAPLAN, PHILIP: Married; Res.: 139 Schenectady Ave.; Bus.: Pharmacist.

KOTCHER, EZRA: Married; Res.: 1902 Avenue L; Bus.: Executive, Ferndale Farms, 279 Liberty Ave.; *Proposed by* Frank F. Rose.

LEEDS, MISS KITTY: Res.: 1678 Union St.; *Proposed by* Harriet Hershon, Eileen Levine.

LEIBER, MISS SARAH: Res.: 1647 Lincoln Pl.; *Proposed by* Aaron A. Berman.

MARKS, MISS KAY: Res.: 951 E. 29th St.

SAUNDERS, ROBERT: Married; Res.: 811 Cortelyou Rd.; Bus.: Milk, 1624 Centre St.; *Proposed by* Frank F. Rose.

SCHUTZ, JACOB: Married; Res.: 36 Kenilworth Pl.; Bus.: Attorney, 60 Wall St.; *Proposed by* Frank F. Rose.

SCHWARTZ, MISS RELLE: Res.: 1571 E. 8th St.

SIEGEL, MISS ROSELLE: Res.: 752 Nostrand Ave.; *Proposed by* Dr. Jacob Halperin, Dr. Reuben Finkelstein.

STEINSALTZ, MISS JEANNETTE: Res.: 75 E. 95th St.; *Proposed by* Marna Spero.

WEST, SAMUEL: Married; Res.: 1458 E. 14th St.; Bus.: Salesman, Artex-Green Corp., 792 Schenectady Ave.; *Proposed by* Harry Munzer.

WOLFMAN, PHILIP: Married; Res.: 240 Crown St.; Bus.: Comptroller, 655 Madison Ave.; *Proposed by* Robert Fox.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

THE Junior Leagues have completed their annual reorganization and, headed by newly elected officers and committee heads, are continuing their interesting series of meetings and activities. During the past month, Junior League B devoted a meeting to a discussion of the weaknesses of the United Nations in preserving world peace. The meeting notice was in the form of a subpoena, and the members were asked to sit as the jury in the "legal" proceedings.

The following week, both Junior Leagues merged for a session of folk singing and dancing. It was a most relaxing and enjoyable experience for those who attended.

With the Purim observance just around the corner, the Junior Leagues are embarking on ambitious and novel programs

that will prove of interest and value to their membership.

The Youth Activities Committee owes a debt of gratitude to our Junior Leaguers for their splendid cooperation in the recent U.S.Y. Kinus. They willingly gave of their time all weekend in assisting the youngsters with their program in many ways.

Our Junior Leagues were well represented at last week's national convention of the Young People's League of the United Synagogue of America in Washington, D. C.

All teen-age college folk are cordially invited to apply for membership in our Junior Leagues. Meetings are held on alternate Thursday evenings, with interest groups convening on non-meeting nights.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLUBS

THIS month we single out for special mention one of our younger boys' clubs, the Maccabees. They felt a need to bring themselves closer to the Synagogue, and selected a logical approach to the fulfillment of their desire. One Sabbath morning the entire club, together with its leader, Daniel Pressner, attended our Junior Congregation. They sat in a special section and participated fully in the service. Afterward a Kiddush was served in their honor.

This episode illustrates the positive approach to Jewish life which we are fostering in the Youth Activities Department. The master club program stresses Jewish values, and calls for particular emphasis upon the Synagogue, the Torah, the Sabbath and the Jewish Festivals.

A further manifestation of this attitude was the U.S.Y. weekend Kinus (get-together) which was held at our Center on February 4-6. Joining our own club membership were over 100 teen-agers from other U.S.Y. groups throughout the city. Home hospitality, where needed, was generously provided by Sisterhood, P.T.A. and members of our sister congregation, Temple Petach Tikvah.

The 250 participants spent an eventful weekend that they will long remember.

The Kinus opened with a beautiful service on Friday evening, at which Dr. Kreitman delivered an inspiring sermon. Then followed a spirited Oneg Shabbat featuring Hebrew song and dance.

The Junior Congregation catered to a standing-room-only Sabbath service the following morning. Rabbi Lewittes spoke on "Youth and the Family." At luncheon which was served at the Center, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal addressed the youngsters, and panel discussions were held on the various aspects of Jewish life in America. The searching question throughout was: "Can we build a creative Jewish community life in America?"

The evening event was a semi-formal dance, preceded by an impressive Havdalah ceremony. Refreshments were plentiful, and a live band provided the rhythms.

The Sunday morning breakfast at the Center, the following Shacharith services, provided the setting for a symposium on the role of youth in American Jewish communal life.

It is with record high spirits and keen anticipation that our club membership looks forward to the Purim observance, centering around a colorful carnival, and the Passover holiday, which will feature gay Third Seders.

A CORRECTION

Following is a welcome letter received from Irvin I. Rubin.

May I bring to your attention an obvious error in your November 1954 *Review*.

On page 19, in the article "The Next Ten Years," you state that "the Junior Congregation, founded just ten years ago . . ." The assumption would be that the Junior Congregation was founded either in 1944 or 1934. Both dates would be erroneous. One of the first things that the founding members of the Center did was to establish a Junior Congregation, not only for its school children but for the community at large. I can remember being a member in the late 1920's and was privileged to be its president during the middle 1930's.

The vision of those early Center members has resulted in the phenomenal growth of the Junior Congregation movement throughout this country and Canada, as well as supplying a rich and valuable experience to the hundreds of young men and women who have "graduated" from our Center's Junior Congregation.

Sabbath Services

Friday evening services at 5:30 p.m.

Kindling of Candles 5:21 p.m.

Sabbath Services commence at 8:30 a.m.

Sidra or portion of the Torah — "Terumah" Exodus 25.1-27.19 Haphtorah Reading: Prophets, Kings 5.26-6.13.

Rabbi Kreitman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

The class in Talmud will be held at 4:00 p.m.

The lecture in Yiddish will be given by Rabbi Gerson Abelson at 5:00 p.m.

Minha services at 5:30 p.m.

Daily Services

Morning: 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.

Minha services at 5:30 p.m.

Condolence to Fellow Congregation

The Brooklyn Jewish Center, through its President, Dr. Moses Spatt, extends most heartfelt condolences to the East Midwood Jewish Center, on the sudden demise recently of their Executive Director, Mr. Robert Gaby. Our sympathy is also extended to the bereaved widow and family.

PAGING SISTERHOOD!

SARAH KLINGHOFFER, Editor

In this year of the Tercentenary we Americans of the Jewish faith have a justifiable sense of gratitude and pride—gratitude for living in a democratic country, and pride in our contributions to its growth and development. But, as our thoughts turn to the observance of Brotherhood Week, occurring in February, we come to the realization that Democracy and Brotherhood rest on the same great foundation, Freedom. And Freedom, in turn, draws its strength from diversity—diversity of opinion, of faith, of race, of culture.

Let us then strive to enhance the spirit of Brotherhood by fostering good human relations in our own community and throughout the country. Then, and then only, will true Brotherhood, with its noble concept of peace and good will to mankind, prevail.

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
When brethren dwell together
in unity."*

BEATRICE SCHAEFFER,
President.

General Meeting

Our January 24 meeting was particularly designed to explain the importance to all Jewry, conservative and reform alike, of the Jewish Theological Seminary. After a brief mention of the approaching Tu B'Shvat holiday in her cordial greeting, our President, Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, presented the chairman of the afternoon, our charming Vice-President and Chai Club Chairman, Mrs. Benjamin Markowe. "And The Bush Was Not Consumed," the inspiring and absorbing film which has been seen by thousands on 120 television stations, was shown and we appreciated the detailed cinematic portrayal of the life of a student within the environs of the majestic Seminary on Morningside Heights. There were scenes of glorious graduations in which famous individuals, Jews and non-Jews, were honored with degrees, a most

enlightening interview with Dr. Louis Finkelstein, President of the Seminary, and nostalgic poses of the late Professors Louis Ginsberg and Alexander Marx in their natural settings, the Seminary Library. We were deeply stirred by the effective dramatization of the four years' sojourn in the realm of religion and spiritual education of a youth who emerges with glory, honor and dignity as the rabbinical leader of his people.

With almost her very first words we were introduced to the effervescent sparkling personality of our guest speaker, Mrs. H. Herbert Rossman, National Women's League Vice-President. Noting the coincidence of the title of the film presented, "And the Bush Was Not Consumed," and the fact that this chapter in the Bible was read on the preceding Sabbath, she commented on our three hundred years of American citizenship and its blessings, asking, "How strong will be our link to future generations and what will we leave to posterity?" With delightful anecdotes and bits of philosophic humor, she made clear her point, that Torah is our life and we must nurture it to perpetuate it. Quoting Dr. Abram Sacher, who said, "Man is an omnibus on which all his ancestors travel," she said that the history of the fourth century of Jewish life here in America is being written and its annals depend upon the contributions we shall make. The program, devoted so zealously to Torah and its advancement, accomplished its aim; we were truly moved, and we shall hear the voice of Torah.

Cheer Fund Contributions

In memory of Marcia, Irving Perlin's sister: Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer; in memory of Ruth Zirn: Mrs. Beatrice Schaeffer; in memory of two dear friends: Mrs. Rhea Zimmerman; in memory of Mrs. Meyer Rosen's sister: Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer; in honor of son's engagement: Mrs. Anna Schorr; in honor of son's marriage: Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Windwer.

Israel Bonds "Chen" Award

We are proud to announce that Anne

Weissberg, our Chairman for Israel Bonds, received the honored award of a "Chen" pin as a Guardian of Israel, in recognition of her recent sale of over \$2500 worth of Israel Bonds. Keep on purchasing them, Israel needs your money—it is merely a loan plus interest paid you for your kindness. Earn your "Chen" award!

Joseph Goldberg Memorial Forest

Tu B'Shvat, the holiday for planting trees, reminds us that we have a rendezvous with Israel in the permanent epitaph to our late beloved Administrative Director, Joseph Goldberg. The Memorial Forest will grow only so fast as you buy trees, so do remember and call the Center Desk, or Sarah Klinghoffer, SL 6-8252, when you wish to mark some event in this noble manner.

Junior Congregations Kiddush

Celebrate a *simcha* by sponsoring a Kiddush to our Junior Congregations. Your joy will be all the greater when you share it with our youngsters at prayer. Arrange for a date with our Kiddush Chairman, Mrs. Fanny Buchman, PRes. 4-3334.

Torah and "Chai" Luncheons

Chairman for "Chai," Mollie Markowe, says there is still time to make your reservation for the Chai Luncheon to be held on Monday, February 28, at the East Midwood Jewish Center. A gala, festive program has been planned—the goal is up to you. Call PRes. 2-1287. \$18, the equivalent of "Chai," admits you to this luncheon, and you and a non-affiliated guest to our own Torah Luncheon—all three for the price of one!

Our own Torah Fund Luncheon, with the indefatigable Edith Sauler as Chairman, to be held on Wednesday, March 16, is rapidly filling its quota, and all members are urged to make immediate reservations if they wish to be with us on that memorable occasion. The price, \$6.11 per person; the cause, aid for the varied program of the Jewish Theological Seminary; the collation, all the good things you like to eat; and the program—music, drama *plus* Torah. All these virtues make your presence at our Torah Luncheon imperative and a MUST! So call Mrs. Sauler, PR. 8-0416, NOW, won't you?

UJA Drive is On!

Sisterhood women will please work on their lists, contacting prospects and se-

curing contributions for the 1955 UJA campaign. Chairman for Sisterhood, Mrs. Fred (Rea) Zimmerman and Special Gifts Chairman Mrs. Lawrence (Mollie) Meyer look for a banner year, with your co-operation. So, GET BUSY, ladies!

Glamorous Weekend

Meet us at the Laurel-in-the-Pines in Lakewood from Friday, March 4th, to Sunday, March 6th, when Sisterhood members and their families will enjoy a program-play-packed week-end. Rates are nominal. See our brochure at the Center desk, or call Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, SL 6-4088, or Harold M. Brown, BU 2-5822. A few reservations are still available. Join us, won't you?

Sisterhood Service

All members of our congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be present on Friday evening, March 11, when our Sisterhood will conduct the services. An inspiring topic, "Three Pillars of Judaism — Torah, Avodah, G'milles Chesed," has been selected, and the panelists participating will be the Mesdames Edward Baker, Harold Berlowitz and Irving (Sylvia) Horowitz. Our women will take part in the responsive reading. An Oneg Shabbat tendered to the entire congregation will follow. Mrs. Sarah Epstein will act as moderator for the panel.

Women in the News

A *Yasher Koach* and congratulations to the following:

Dora Brenner, upon her re-election as President of the Brooklyn Hebrew Home and Hospital for the Aged.

Sarah Epstein, for an address delivered, on behalf of Women's League, at the Prospect Park Jewish Center.

Ruth Greenberg, upon her re-election as President of the Women's Auxiliary of Beth-El Hospital.

Mildred Levine, en tour through Israel, under auspices of Hadassah. Bon voyage and safe return.

Mollie Markowe, newly elected to the Board of Governors of our Center.

Calendar of Events

Mon., Feb. 28—"Chai" Luncheon, East Midwood Jewish Center, Brooklyn Women's League.

Fri.-Sun., Mar. 4-6 — Sisterhood Weekend, Laurel-In-The-Pines, Lakewood, N. J.

Fri., Mar. 11—Sisterhood conducts Fri-

day Evening Services. Mrs. Sarah Epstein, chairman.

Mon., Mar. 14 — Sisterhood Executive Board meeting. 8:15 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 16 — 19th Annual Torah

Fund Luncheon. See "ad." Mrs. Edith Sauler, chairman.

Mon., Mar. 28—Interesting Passover program. Watch for further details. 12:45 p.m.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

DURING the past month the Young Married Group joined twice with the lecture series being sponsored by the Center Zionist groups. The evening spent with the Zionist Choral Society was particularly enjoyable, and those of our group who attended met after the programs for our own members. On February 23 the group sponsored a lecture having as its subject the history of the world-wide operations of the Margaret Sanger Institutes. We were fortunate in having as our lecturer the executive director of the New York society.

Our meeting of March 8 will honor Jewish Music Month, and a well-rounded program is being planned for that evening. Please be with us. On March 22, we shall have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Harry Blickstein, Secretary of the Center, well-known educator and humor-

ist. Mr. Blickstein will present his own unique evening of Jewish humor. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

The Young Married Group joins with other arms of the Center on Monday evening, March 7, for the reading of the Purim Megillah, and for the following Center Purim festival. This late Megillah reading is now an established practice for all the younger groups at the Center.

During the past weeks the YMG cooperated with the drive to aid the Levinthal Lectureship Campaign and General Maintenance drive for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. We are proud to support this movement to perpetuate the name of Dr. Levinthal in American Jewish life. We urge all of our members to support this drive with their usual generosity.

DAVID M. GOLD.

THE CENTER ACADEMY

STUDENT Council and the faculty of the Academy announced that they are planting a garden in Israel in honor of Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, in honor of the 35th anniversary of his spiritual leadership in the Center and the 25th anniversary as Adviser of the Academy.

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Dr. Stanley Lesser, noted psychiatrist, addressed the January P.T.A. Meeting of the Center Academy. The February P.T.A. meeting was devoted to the celebration of Jewish Music Month. Cantor William Sauler rendered cantorial selections, Mrs. Ruth Lane, a teacher of our school, offered vocal selections, and Miss Naomi Nathanson led in community singing. Dr. Benjamin Kreitman was the principal speaker.

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A Tu Bishevat assembly was held on Monday, February 7th. The third grade presented a playlet appropriate for the occasion, and an Israeli movie was shown.

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The Committee on the Silver Anniversary reported substantial progress. Let-

ters went out to the parents of the children of the school, to parents of the alumni and to the alumni. The committee anticipates the wholehearted cooperation of everyone and hopes to make the dinner a success.

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The seventh and the eighth grades took a trip around New York and visited various historical places, among which was the Educational Alliance and the Municipal Building.

LAST CALL TO SPEND A GALA WEEK - END

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LAUREL IN THE PINES
Lakewood, N. J.

Friday, March 4 through
Sunday, March 6

All members invited—for reservations
call Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, SL 6-4088 or
Harold M. Brown, BU 2-5822.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1954

By DR. MOSES SPATT

President of the Brooklyn Jewish Center

The following report on the Center was submitted by Dr. Spatt at the annual meeting on January 27, 1955.

LAST year, at the beginning of my first annual report as your president, I said, "1953 was both a successful and trying year; successful as to the scope of our day-to-day activities, which I am glad to report, did increase, in no small measure; a trying year, however, from the point of view of Center finances." There is no better way of summarizing the year 1954 than to repeat this statement and to add that it is even more true now than then.

CENTER FINANCES

Our Center's finances depend, as you know, on three main sources of income—membership dues, catering, and the sale of High Holy Day tickets. Two of these sources, the membership dues and the income from catering, have lessened progressively in the last few years, while our operating expenses increased steadily because of the general increase in costs and the increase in Center activities.

In 1953 we conducted a direct appeal for funds at our kol nidre services and we held a benefit performance at the Metropolitan Opera. These two efforts brought us an additional income of about \$28,000.00 and helped us in avoiding the then expected deficit for that fiscal year. This year, however, we conducted our Kol Nidre Appeal in the Center's traditional manner, by mail only, and no other fund-raising activity was used. Our Kol Nidre Appeal income this year was only \$10,218.00, which is \$8,034.18 less than last year's appeal; and we did not benefit by the \$10,000.00 gained from the opera performance in 1953.

Thus it is obvious that we were not in a position to balance our budget for 1954, and that we are presently faced with an operating deficit of \$27,495.00. This, of course, presents a bleak picture, and I

must appeal earnestly to all our members to make every effort to increase the ranks of our Center membership and to assist us in finding ways and means to create new sources for the sorely needed additional income. We do hope that we will be able, with your wholehearted assistance, to overcome these difficulties so that we may avoid retrenchment in our operations.

In accordance with a decision made at a general meeting of our membership held on October 29, 1953, the Center membership dues were increased as of January 1, 1954. This advance brought the Center only a minimal increase in income because of a drop in membership enrollment and resignations.

MEMBERSHIP

The basic reason for the decrease in our Center membership is that a large number of our members are moving out of our neighborhood. We, who have been residents of this area of Brooklyn for most of our lives, have noted with anxiety the great changes taking place in our locality. It is these changes which result not only in a loss of membership but in a contrasting increase in our Center's activities as well. Our institution has become a community center in the true sense of the word; we are being called upon, in ever-increasing measure, to serve the community at large, and thus we have found that we can no longer confine our activities solely to our membership.

At this time, I should like to mention the earnest efforts made by our Membership Committee, under the able chairmanship of our vice-president, Mr. Frank Schaeffer. His committee conducted a very intensive membership drive in the spring of 1954, which was initiated with an open house for the Jewish neighbors in the Center's vicinity; this drive continued throughout 1954. Another highlight in this campaign for members was a breakfast for prospective members held on December 12th.

While these efforts are highly commendable and necessary, I feel that they are not the sole answer to our membership problems. The only way to sell membership is, in my opinion, by personal contact, and I take this opportunity to urge all members of our Brooklyn Jewish Center to take it upon themselves to enroll at least two new members during the ensuing year. This is the only answer to the great problem of Center membership.

Not all residents moving into the Center's neighborhood are non-Jewish. There are a large number of Jews living here and others moving in, who are good material for Center membership. It's up to us to sell the Center to them. My own personal experience shows that this is not too hard a task. After all, ours is an institution of nation-wide importance; we are leaders in all communal efforts and our activities extend far beyond the walls of our Center. This fact alone is one of the strongest selling points of membership—in addition, of course, to the numerous benefits offered by the Center building itself. I hope, therefore, that the year 1955 will be a fruitful one in terms of enrollment and that our membership will once more go beyond the 2,000 mark.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

In speaking of the many activities conducted by our Center, I shall be very brief, for it would take too much time to go into detail. As I have already pointed out, our activities are increasing from year to year. Our religious services continue to attract large numbers of worshippers, members and non-members alike, and the high standard of these services has brought an excellent reputation to our synagogue. The sermons delivered by our distinguished rabbis, Dr. Levinthal and Dr. Kreitman, and occasionally by Rabbi Lewittes, are noted for their exceptionally high standards, as indicated by the many requests for reprints. Our cantor, Rev. William Sauler, and the choir under the leadership of Sholom Secunda,

greatly enhance our services and are substantially responsible for the fine attendance. The Ritual and Religious Services Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Sterman, has devoted much time to maintaining these high standards and the atmosphere of dignity and reverence, in keeping with the Center tradition.

Our educational activities have expanded in great measure during the year 1954. Our Hebrew School continued to make excellent progress this year. We have reached a registration of 414 in the 3-day-a-week department, which is the largest we have had since the inception of our institution. In addition, 265 students study in our 2-day-a-week department and in the Sunday morning classes. Thus a total of 678 students receive religious training in our Hebrew School, which is under the supervision of Rabbi Lewittes.

Especially noteworthy is the growth of our high school department, in which provision has been made for students of high school age through the senior year. Among the high school groups meeting are a senior group, a post bar-mitzvah group, a post-graduate class and a consecration class. In addition, students who joined the Hebrew High School of Greater New York, a branch of which meets in our building, attend three times a day.

Outstanding among the activities sponsored by the Hebrew Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Julius Kushner, are the junior and children's congregations, which meet for worship each sabbath and holiday. Services are led almost entirely by students under the guidance of our Hebrew School faculty. The choral group and the dramatic group have helped to prepare some of the excellent festive school celebrations that have attracted large audiences.

A successful project carried out by the Hebrew School was the planting in Israel of a grove of a thousand trees in memory of Rabbi Bernard L. Levinthal.

The Parent-Teachers Association, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sarah Epstein, sponsored a periodic community service and breakfast for the high school students, as well as many other worthwhile activities.

CENTER ACADEMY

The Center Academy has been facing difficulties during the past few years and great credit is due to Mr. Albert Braun, chairman of its Board of Trustees, for continuing its operation under these conditions. The school's high educational standards were maintained, however, under the able direction of Mrs. Anna Lesser, the principal, and Mr. Leo Shpall, the director of its Hebrew Department. Excellent services are rendered to the Academy by the Parent-Teachers Association, of which Mrs. Leonard Sonnenberg is president.

Our Center Lecture Forum sponsored a number of fine lectures for the membership and the community at large during the past year. A new attraction was a series of lectures on "Jewish Life and Thought in the 20th Century," with noted Jewish scholars as guest speakers. This series is sponsored jointly by the Forum Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Harry Blickstein, and the Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults, of which Dr. Reuben Finkelstein is chairman.

Our Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults has attracted an unprecedented number of students this year. The course on "Jewish Thought and Practice as reflected in Rabbinic Literature," conducted by Rabbi Kreitman, had to be moved from a classroom into a social room in order to accommodate the many students. The Institute took the initiative in organizing a series of ten lectures on "Issues and Problems of Israel and Zionism," which is co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Zionist Region and the Hadassah Brooklyn Region.

Our Center Library, one of the largest of its kind in this country, celebrated its 20th anniversary about a month ago. It performs a very important service to our schools, to our membership and to our community. The recent anniversary celebration of the Library was a memorable occasion.

Our Center publications, which have been a source of pride to us for many years, are continuing to perform their invaluable services to the membership.

They are the monthly *Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*, the weekly *Bulletin* and the *Center Diary*. The *Review* enjoys a national reputation because of its interesting and stimulating articles and furnishes guidance to other institutions through the accounts of the Center activities it includes. The *Review* is mailed not only to the Center membership, but because of its high literary standards it has been requested by prominent leaders in Jewish communities here and abroad.

Mr. Louis J. Gribetz is the Chairman of the Editorial Board, and Mr. Joseph Kaye is the Editor.

Last, but not the least important of the many activities conducted by the Center, is our Department of Youth Activities, which consisted during the past year of 12 clubs, two Junior Leagues, and a Sabbath Afternoon Oneg Shabbat Group. Our Junior League, as was the case with many of our Junior Clubs, had to be divided into two groups, due to the large enrollment. If we had proper accommodations, an enrollment of at least 1,000 children could easily be reached. The great success of this department is due greatly to the Youth Activities Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Irvin I. Rubin, and to the untiring efforts of our supervisor of youth activities, Mr. Hyman Brickman.

The monthly membership socials conducted by the Center's Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Saul S. Abelov, attracted capacity attendances as in the past. Outstanding programs of entertainment were presented, highlighted by a Hanukkah celebration.

The outstanding event of the year was, of course, the 35th anniversary celebration and services during the week-end of November 19 through 22. Over 2,000 people, among them the founders and veteran members of the Center, came to pay tribute to our beloved rabbi, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, on the occasion of the 35th year of his ministry at the Center. This event was a most outstanding success and inspired everyone towards renewed efforts in behalf of our Center, our community and our people.

NEW BUILDING

Though there has been a drop in our membership, you will have noticed from this report a constant increase and growth of activities on all levels of our Center in inverse proportion to the size of the membership. This reflects the importance of this institution both as a synagogue center serving its members and as a community center serving all Jewish residents of this area. To do our job adequately it is necessary for us to make every effort to increase our very limited and crowded facilities, either by additions or by alteration of the present accommodations.

AUXILIARY GROUPS

Our auxiliary groups play a very important part in our day-to-day activities; through their varied programs, they bring additional life and importance to our institution.

Our Sisterhood is noted for the high standards of its programs and activities; the large attendance at all their functions indicates their well-deserved reputation. Our women perform excellent services not only to our institution, but also to our community and to all Jewish causes. Under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Sisterhood has largely expanded its scope of activity and has greatly enhanced our institution.

Our Young Married Group, heretofore known as the "Mr. and Mrs. Club," has grown substantially during the past year. Mr. David M. Gold, its president, and his Executive Committee, have evolved a very stimulating program. As a result, our young married people now meet twice a month (as compared with their monthly meeting in the past) and participate in every activity of our Center.

Our Young Folks League has continued its remarkable growth and development during 1954. The only way to realize the full importance of this group is to come to the Center on a Wednesday evening, the group's regular meeting night, when the entire building is a beehive of activity. In recognition of its excellent program of cultural and social activities, our Young Folk's League was awarded the first prize as the best "All Around League" in the country at the National

Convention of the United Synagogue's Young People's League last April. At that convention they also received the first prize for the use of the best new program techniques, an honorable mention for their monthly publication, *The News Letter*, and the second prize for individual creativity, won by Miss Helen Aronow.

The Young Folk's League and Young Married Group are our training ground and reservoir for future Center and community leadership; many of their members already serve on the Center's Governing Board.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ours has been, for many years, an unexcelled record of service to the American Jewish community. We have given leadership, on a national scale, to all Jewish causes and our membership has always actively participated in the many fund raising activities conducted throughout the year.

Special dinners and other events are held annually by the Center on behalf of the major campaigns; Sisterhood and our Young Folks League also arrange special functions for these drives.

The United Jewish Appeal campaign, chairmaned by Mr. Harry Leventhal, was highlighted by a fine dinner. The drive on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, under the chairmanship of Judge Murray T. Feiden, was also climaxed by a dinner, this one in honor of our vice-president, Mr. Maurice Bernhardt, in recognition of his exemplary leadership in Federation affairs as well as other community efforts.

The 1954 Israel Bond Dinner took place on November 4th, with Mr. Max Herzfeld as chairman.

The Center's campaign in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary was held last January and was concluded with a testimonial dinner to our fellow-trustee, Mr. David Spiegel, as a tribute of his untiring and devoted work on behalf of that institution of higher learning and for his leadership in all the Center's efforts. Mr. Frank Schaeffer was the chairman of the Seminary Campaign Committee.

This year's Seminary campaign has just started. It will culminate with a dinner on February 7 in honor of our revered Rabbi Dr. Israel H. Levinthal. We have set ourselves a goal of \$100,000.00 this year to establish an endowed lectureship in homiletics at the Seminary in honor of Dr. Levinthal's 35th anniversary as our spiritual leader.

The Jewish National Fund receives thousands of dollars through our Center from the sale of JNF trees and from the sale of our High Holy Day tickets, on which a tax of one dollar or fifty cents, is levied on behalf of that traditional fund. This money is credited towards another forest now being planted in Israel through the Center in memory of our late administrative director, Mr. Joseph Goldberg. A total of over 6,000 trees has already been purchased.

The scope of our Center's service to the community, however, goes far beyond the participation in fund-raising activities. Our Hebrew School and Youth Activities program provide a sound Jewish education as well as social activities for hundreds of youngsters in our neighborhood, many of whom are children of non-members. A substantial number are accepted on partial or full scholarships.

Meeting rooms are provided by the Center for many community and national organizations, either at a very nominal rate, or free of charge. This service is being continued at an ever increasing pace despite the already heavy drain on our Center facilities and the existing overcrowded conditions; this is also a burden on our treasury, since the revenue obtained from the rental of meeting rooms in no way compensates us for the cost and effort involved.

Ladies and gentlemen, the record speaks for itself; there is no need for me to elaborate with further details. I can only repeat, again and again, that the services rendered by the Center are constantly increasing, while our income is being constantly reduced. I must reiterate very strongly that it is up to you (and to all of us) to make very serious efforts to overcome our financial problems. No institution, particularly one like ours, can

rest on its laurels and rejoice in achievements of the past. Success and glory are costly luxuries, and if we desire, as we all do, to add new success to our Center and new glory to our People, we must be willing to pay the price.

Your Board of Trustees is seriously considering this problem and I count on the cooperation of every Center member in any efforts which we shall call upon you to support during this year of crisis in the life of our Brooklyn Jewish Center.

MANY THANKS

Before I conclude my report, I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation, as well as the gratitude of our entire membership, to the many men and women who give unstintingly of their effort and substance to sustain the growth and development of our institution. This is a most pleasant, though difficult task. Pleasant, since it affords me an opportunity of thanking my co-workers publicly; difficult, since I cannot hope to properly express these sentiments in mere words. I shall ask the forgiveness of any whose names may inadvertently be omitted.

It is only fitting to start with the wholehearted thanks to my fellow-officers for the devoted assistance, cooperation and advice they have given me during these past two years. They are Maurice Bernhardt, first vice-president; Frank Schaeffer, second vice-president; Fred Kronish, treasurer, and Harry Blickstein, secretary.

A special vote of thanks goes to the honorary presidents, who, because of their past experience and many years of service to the Center, were a constant source of wisdom and counsel. Mr. Samuel Rotenberg, Mr. Isidor Fine and Judge Emanuel Greenberg always stand by my side, ready to assist in the stewardship and guidance of the Center.

To all the members of the Board of Trustees and the Governing Board, the chairman and the members of the many standing and special committees, the officers and the boards of the Sisterhood, the Young Married Group and the Young Folks League, I say a most sincere and hearty "thank you" for their selfless devotion to the Center activities during the past year.

We are forever grateful and indebted to our spiritual leader, Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal, who has contributed so much during these past 35 years towards making the Center what it is today—a spiritual stronghold in Judaism.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman for the cooperation he has given Rabbi Levinthal and for the splendid success of all the departments under his direct supervision, particularly our Adult Institute and our Youth Activities.

To Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, I wish to express thanks for his fine supervision and direction of our Hebrew School Department and for the splendid success made by our Junior Congregation.

Special thanks are due to Mr. Harold W. Hammer, our administrative director, and to Mr. Robert Fox, his assistant. Theirs is a most difficult task, which they discharge without stint and with devotion. Mr. Hammer, who succeeded our beloved friend and faithful director, Mr. Joseph Goldberg (who served the Center from its inception until his passing in February, 1953) has demonstrated extraordinary ability in assuming the many administrative duties and responsibilities of his predecessor. He has earned the admiration and respect of the leadership and membership of the Center.

I should like to express thanks to our Cantor, Mr. William Sauler, the tenth anniversary of whose association with the Center we shall mark this year. I am certain that I speak for the entire congregation when I say that his mastery of *chazanut* greatly enhanced our religious services, and his songs enlivened our social functions during these past ten years.

I am also deeply grateful for the fine cooperation the Center has received from the following: Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, who conducts the Saturday class in Talmud; Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz, our librarian; Mr. Sholom Secunda, our music director; Rev. Meyer Rogoff, the sexton of the Center, and his assistant, Rev. Samuel Koenigsberg; the faculties of our schools and all members of our Center staff.

May God bless the members of our congregation, our people, our glorious country, America, and the fledgling State of Israel.

Additions to the Library

The following books have been added to our library for circulation:

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 Handlin — Adventure in Freedom
 Zara — Blessed is the Land (A Novel)
 Marcus — To Next Year in Jerusalem (A Novel)
 Baron and Blau — Judaism: Post-biblical and Talmudic Period
 Abramson-Leiderman — Jewish Holiday Party Book
 Franchiotti — A Bow in the Sky
 Gross — Ozar Ha'Agadah (Hebrew)
 Breslavski — Le'Chiker Artzenu (Hebrew)
 Felder — Yesodei Heshurun (Hebrew Code)

Ettinger — Sifatenu B'Marot
 Charney — Shnot Yaldut
 Orlinsky — Ancient Israel
 Ben Hecht — A Son of the Century (Autobiographical)
 Samuel Rosenblatt — Yossele Rosenblatt (Biography)
 Ha Meire — Bet Ha'Bichion al Mosechet Baba Kama
 Maimonides — The Guide for the Perplexed (Abridged)
 Horace Stern — The Spiritual Values of Life
 Morrison — Wonderful Words
 Soknik — Otzar Ha'Migillot Ha'Ginozit (Hebrew)
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FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERVICES

"Professor Louis Ginzberg, His Greatness and His Uniqueness—A Pupil's Tribute to a Great Master"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 8th.

"Our Cultural and Spiritual Heritage" Series—"The Problem of Good and Evil As Seen in the Bible"—Rabbi Kreitman—Jan. 15th.

"The Story of a Pioneer" dealing with the life of Mosheh Smilanski—Rabbi Lewittes—Jan. 22nd.

"The Talmud—Its Help for Modern Living"—"Our Cultural and Spiritual Heritage" series—Rabbi Kreitman—Jan. 29th.

"What Means the Term Hebrew?"—Rabbi Levinthal—Gala musical program by Center Choral Group in honor of Jewish Music Month—Feb. 5th.

"The Jewish Attitude Towards Brotherhood—A Lincoln's Birthday Message"—Rabbi Kreitman—Feb. 12th.

"The Youth of Our Synagogues" celebrating United Synagogue Sabbath—Participants introduced by Mr. Hyman Brickman, Supervisor of the Center Club Activities: Stephen Fried, Henry Michelman, Manus Midlarski, Carolyn Silvers, Sheila Zebrak, Joseph Aronow, Barbara Held, Lawrence Levy. Oneg Shabbat followed—Feb. 19th.

"Patriotism—A Common Bond of American Jewry"—Rabbi Aryeh Lev—Mar. 5th.

"The Religion of the Talmud"—"Our Cultural and Spiritual Heritage" series—Rabbi Kreitman—Mar. 12th.

"The Influence of Anti-Semitism on the Faith of the Jew"—A Purim Message—Rabbi Kreitman—Mar. 19th.

"The Jewish Women's Contribution to American Life—A Tercentennial Evolution"—Annual Sisterhood Service—Participants: The Mesdames Philip Freedman, Morton Klinghoffer, Mordecai H. Lewittes, Irving Chinitz, Abraham Meltzer, William Rothstein, Bernard Weissberg—Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Moderator—Greetings by Dr. Israel H. Levinthal—Musical Program by Cantor William Sauler—Community singing led by Mr. David Weintraub—Oneg Shabbat followed—Mar. 26th.

Concluding Service of the season conducted by Post Bar Mitzvah Fellowship—Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman participated—Apr. 2nd.

Opening Friday Night Service of the season—Special Tercentenary Program dedicated to the Tercentenary celebration—Rabbi Levinthal preached on the significance of this historic celebration in American Jewish life—Nov. 5th.

"Zionism and the American Jewish Tercentenary—a sermon on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Theodore Herzl"—Rabbi Kreitman—Nov. 12th.

Guest Preacher—Rev. Dr. Elias L. Solomon, Rabbi of Congregation Shaare Zedek—Musical program by Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Nov. 19th.

"The Influence of America on Jewish Religious Life"—Rabbi Kreitman—Nov. 26th.

"Theodore Herzl—A Notable Anniversary"—Rabbi Lewittes—Dec. 3rd.

"Memories of a World Gone By—Reflections on My Childhood and Youthful Years—A Post Anniversary sermon—Rabbi Levinthal—Dec. 10th.

"A Struggle That Never Ends—A Hanukkah Message"—Rabbi Kreitman—Dec. 17th.

"The Tercentenary—Retrospect and Prospect"—Annual College Student Service—Members of the Junior League participated—Dec. 24th.

Beginning of series "Questions Young People Ask"—"What are the Essentials of Jewish Life in This Modern World?"—Rabbi Kreitman—Dec. 31st.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Mar. 18th and 19th.

First Days of Passover—Apr. 18th and 19th—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman.

Concluding Days of Passover—Apr. 24th and 25th—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman.

Shabuot Services—followed by Consecration Services—A Cantata "The Pilgrimage of the Jew Through the Ages" under the supervision of Mrs. Rose Rosenthal and coached for the service by Rabbi

Kreitman—Musical Direction by Mr. Sholom Secunda and Mr. David Weintraub—June 7th.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Lewittes—June 12th.

Tisha B'Ab Services—Aug. 8th and 9th.

Slicoth Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Sept. 18th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Sept. 28th.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Second Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Sept. 29th.

Rosh Hashonah Services in the Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman, 1st Day—Rabbi Lewittes, 2nd Day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 6th.

Kol Nidre Services in the Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 6th.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 7th.

Yom Kippur Services in the Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 7th.

Junior Congregation Services during High Holy Days under the leadership of Rabbi Lewittes and Mr. Sol Weintraub.

Children's Congregation Services during High Holy Days under leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 12th.

Succoth Services—2nd Day—Sermon by Rabbi Kreitman—Cantor Sauler assisted by the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda officiated on both days—Oct. 13th.

Concluding Succoth Services Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Kreitman—Oct. 19th and 20th.

FORUM LECTURES

"The Outlook for 1954—Domestic and International"—Dr. Hans Simons—Jan. 18th.

Debate—"McCarthyism—A Force for Good or Evil?"—Speakers: James A. Wechsler, Editor, New York Post—William F. Buckley, Jr., Editor, American Mercury.

"How Much Freedom Can We Afford?" — Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, President, City College of New York—Nov. 10th.

"Jewish Life and Thought in the Twentieth Century"—Dr. Robert Gordis—Dec. 15th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

"Is Compulsory Arbitration in Labor Disputes Desirable?"—Affirmative: Morris K. Siegel—Negative: Isaac Siegmeister—Moderator: Harry Cooper—Feb. 17th.

LECTURE SERIES

Series—"Issues and Problems of Israel and Zionism" sponsored jointly by the Brooklyn Jewish Center, the Brooklyn Zionist Region and Hadassah Brooklyn Region—"Biblical Roots of Zionism"—Prof. Harry M. Orlinsky of Hebrew Union College—Dec. 7th.

"The Life and Thought of Theodor Herzl"—Dr. Max Schenk, Rabbi, Congregation Shaare Zedek.—Dec. 14th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dinner arranged by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary in honor of Mr. David Spiegel—Jan. 20th.

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers—Entertainment by Leah Ostrojinsky, Violinist, accompanied by Ruth Menze—Jan. 28th.

Membership Social—Program: Jeanette LaBianca, Coloratura Soprano, Rome Opera Co. — Benyomin Fishbein, Jewish Humorist—Mar. 24th.

Young People's Purim Service—sponsored by Young Folks League, Young Married Group and Junior League — Purim Celebration followed—Mar. 18th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 17th and 18th.

Membership Social Meeting—"Open House" for new members—Musical program by Napoleon Reed — Dr. Arthur Ellen, Hypnotist—May 19th.

Simchas Torah Festival—sponsored by Young Folks League, Young Married Group and Junior League — Procession followed by Israeli and Holiday songs—Oct. 19th.

Thirty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Center and Dr. Levinthal's spiritual leadership—Guest Speakers: Prof. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rev. Dr. Elias L.

Solomon, Honorary President, United Synagogue and Rabbi of Cong. Shaare Zedek, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. Israel Goldfarb, Rabbi of Cong. Beth Israel-Anshe Emeth — Guest Artist — Mr. Richard Tucker, Leading Tenor of the Metropolitan Opera — Nov. 19th, 20th, 22nd.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 25th.

Celebration of Center Library's 20th anniversary—Guest Speaker: Dr. Samuel Rosenblatt, Rabbi, Congregation Beth Tefilah, Baltimore, Md.—Cantor William Sauler, Soloist—Dec. 20th.

Membership Social—Special Hanukkah Program—Musical Program and Candle-lighting Ceremony by Cantor William Sauler—Presentation of Comical Operetta "The Wedding" by N. Y. Region of YPL.—Dec. 21st.

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 20th — Participation in Jewish Women's Organizations Annual Convention and Luncheon at Hotel Astor—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Guest Speaker—Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Chairman.

Jan. 25th—Meeting—Performance by Ruth Mondschein of the Broadway Hit "Wonderful Town" accompanied by Sy Robbins.

Jan. 27th—Participation in Brooklyn Federation Day Luncheon at Hotel Astor.

Feb. 1st — Participation in U.J.A. workers meeting at the Center.

Feb. 8th — Participation in U.J.A. Rally at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Feb. 15th—Meeting—Musical Dramatization of Morton Wishengrad's "Song of the Year" by Sisterhood Choral Ensemble under direction of Mr. Sholom Secunda—Guest Speaker—Hon. Wm. I. Siegel — Mrs. Sarah Klinghoffer, Chairman.

Feb. 25th & 28th — Theatre Party — "The World of Sholom Aleichem" at the Barbizon Plaza Little Theatre.

Mar. 10th — Annual Torah Fund Luncheon—Guest Speaker, Rabbi Max Routtenberg of Congregation B'nai Sholom, Rockville Center, L. I.—"Style Show for Jewish Living" by Sisterhood Players—Narrators, Mrs. Ira Gluckstein and Mrs. Carl A. Kahn—Mrs. Rose G. Meislin, Chairman.

Mar. 29th—Meeting — Speaker, Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman on "Passover—Harbinger to Freedom" — A "Model Seder" was conducted by Sisterhood members. Mrs. Julius Kushner, Chairman.

Mar. 31st — Participation in "Chai" Club Brunch at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel—Mrs. Benj. Markowe, Chairman.

Apr. 28th—Meeting — Celebration of Israel Independence Day—"Gay Nineties" Revue performed by Sisterhood Players—Mrs. "Hershey" Kaplan, Chairman.

May 3rd—Participation in Installation and Closing meeting of the Metropolitan Branch, Women's League, at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

May 10th—Meeting — Annual tribute to mothers in celebration of Mother's Day — Election of Officers — Mrs. Carl A. Kahn, Chairman.

May 22nd — Oneg Shabbat — Guest Speakers: Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman; Mrs. Phineas Spinrad—Musical Program by Mascha Benya—Community Singing led by Mr. David Weintraub — Mrs. Harry Goldstein, Chairman.

May 27th — Participation in Installation and Luncheon, Brooklyn Division of the Women's League at Jewish Center of Kings Highway — Mrs. Benj. Markowe, Chairman.

June 3rd—Closing Meeting and Installation of Officers — Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Installing Officer—Welcome to new members — A program of Israeli dances and Biblical and Chassidic scenes by Gila and Dov.

June 9th — Closing Executive Board meeting and luncheon.

Sept. 20th—Opening meeting of season—Presentation of a "Holiday Music Festival" — Musical program by Miss Sheila Nan Markowe, Pianist, and Mr. Irving Kritchmar, Concert Violinist — Speaker, Mr. Harold Kushner on "Impressions of Israel"—Mrs. Benjamin Markowe, Chairman.

Oct. 14th—Participation in reception to Golda Myerson on behalf of Israel Bonds at Hotel Waldorf Astoria.

Oct. 21st — Meeting — Social Actions program — "News and Views of Events on the National and International Scene" by a prominent speaker — Mrs. Ira I. Gluckstein, Chairman.

Oct. 25th—Participation in Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Special Gifts Luncheon for donors of \$100 or over at Hotel Astor—Mrs. A. David Benjamin, Chairman.

Oct. 27th—Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show by Martin's — Mrs. "Hershey" Kaplan, Chairman; Mrs. Abr. Meltzer, co-chairman.

Nov. 1st—Participation in Federation All-Day Conference at Hotel Commodore.

Nov. 18th—Participation in Federation Luncheon for donors of \$25 or over at the home of Mrs. Max Abrams, N. Y.

Nov. 18th—Participation in first lecture of series by Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at Congregation Emanue-El Community House, N. Y.—Speaker, John B. Hughes.

Nov. 30th—Sixth Annual Institute Day—Theme: "Accent on Youth"—Mr. Hyman Brickman, Supervisor of Center's Youth Activities, Speaker—"The Modern Jewish Woman and Her Family"—Speakers: Dr. Evelyn Garfiel of the Women's Institute—Rabbi Reuben Katz, of Congregation B'Nai Israel, Freeport, L. I.—Greetings by Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman—Mrs. Morris B. Levine, Moderator.

Dec. 13th—Participation in Annual Federation Day and Luncheon at the Hotel Commodore for donors of \$10 and over.

Dec. 15th—Participation in Israel Bond Drive luncheon at the home of Mrs. Morris Z. Ottenstein in honor of Mrs. Joseph Horowitz.

Dec. 22nd—Meeting—Program in celebration of Hanukkah and Jewish Book Month—Speaker: Mrs. Dorothy Alofsin on "Reading Adventures in Jewish Life"—Hanukkah Lighting Ceremony by Cantor William Sauler.

Dec. 23rd—Participation in Annual Hanukkah Festival on behalf of Israel Bonds at Madison Square Garden.

Dec. 30th—Trip to Jewish Theological Seminary and Jewish Museum.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 12th—Social meeting—"Charades."

Jan. 20th—Participation in Center Seminary Dinner.

Jan. 24th—All-Day Outing to Bear Mountain.

Jan. 26th—Meeting—Presentation of a Venice International Film Festival Award Winner "Border Street"—a dramatization of the Warsaw Ghetto.

Jan. 30th—Participation in American Zionist Fund Dance at Congregation Beth Elohim.

Feb. 2nd—Meeting—Program—"This is Our Music"—celebration of Jewish Music Month.

Feb. 9th—Current Events Program on Americanism—Representatives from American Veterans Committee and Veterans of Foreign Wars—Paul Kotik, Moderator.

Feb. 16th—Basketball Game and Ping-Pong exhibition—General Membership vs. Executive Board—Social Hour.

Feb. 23rd—Meeting—Guest Speaker, S. Andhil Fineberg on "Did the Rosenbergs Receive Justice?"

Mar. 2nd—Series—"Great Names in Jewish History"—Rabbi William Berkowitz, Assistant Rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Speaker—"Theodore Herzl."

Mar. 9th—Meeting—Experiments in Hypnotism and other mental feats by an outstanding Hypnotist.

Mar. 14th—Participation in N. Y. Region YPL Conference on "Ethics" held at SAJ.

Mar. 16th—Series—"Great Names in Jewish History"—Rabbi Milton Arm of Glen Cove, L. I., Speaker—"Rashi."

Mar. 23rd—Participation in U.J.A. Wild-West Show.

Apr. 1st-4th—Participation in YPL National Convention at Atlantic City.

Apr. 6th—Meeting—Report of YPL Convention by YFL delegates.

Apr. 14th—Model Seder.

Apr. 20th—Election of Officers and Executive Board.

Apr. 27th—Series—"Great Names in Jewish History"—Rabbi Kreitman, Speaker—"Maimonides."

May 5th—Installation of Officers and Executive Board—Rabbi Kreitman, Installing Officer.

May 6th—Participation in Center dinner in behalf of the U.J.A.

May 9th—Breakfast in honor of Milton Reiner, Honorary President of the YFL.

May 9th—Participation in All-Day Session Israel Institute Day at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

May 11th—Hosts to Brooklyn YPL—Presentation of a one-act play "A Marriage Proposal"—Dancing and social hour.

May 18th—Panel discussion on the "Evaluation of Our Year's Programs."

May 22nd—Annual Candlelight Cotillion.

May 25th—Social meeting.

May 28th-31st—Participation in YPL Decoration Day week-end.

June 1st—Dancing and social meeting on Center Roof.

June 15th—"Square Dance" on Center Roof.

June 20th—All-Day picnic and outing.

June 29th—"Roof" meeting—Meetings held on alternate Tuesdays for the summer season.

Sept. 22nd—Final "Roof-Top" meeting of the season.

Sept. 17th-19th—Participation in U.J.A. week-end at Brown's, Loch Sheldrake, N. Y.

Oct. 7th—Annual Post-Yom Kippur Nite Charity Frolic—Proceeds to U.J.A.

Oct. 13th—Orientation Night for new members.

Oct. 17th—All-Day Outing.

Oct. 20th—First lecture in series "Great Jewish Books"—Rabbi Kreitman discussed the Bible.

Oct. 24th—Participation in Brooklyn Youth Zionist Organization Dance at Garfield Temple.

Oct. 27th—Annual Election Forum—Prominent speakers from each party.

Nov. 3rd—"Author Meets the Critics" program.

Nov. 10th—First lecture in Center Forum series—Mr. Buell Gallagher, President of C.C.N.Y.—"How Much Freedom Can We Afford?"

Nov. 17th—A program of Jewish Humor.

Dec. 1st—Second lecture in series "Great Jewish Books"—Rabbi Margolies of Temple Beth El, Manhattan Beach.

Dec. 2nd—Participation in Center Dinner in behalf of Federation.

Dec. 3rd-5th—Participation in YPL Concord week-end.

Dec. 10th-12th—Participation in UJA Concord week-end.

Dec. 8th—Participation in Annual Federation Night.

Dec. 15th—First lecture in series "Jewish Life and Thought in the Twentieth Century"—Rabbi Robert Gordis, Speaker.

Dec. 22nd—Gala Hanukkah Celebration—Miss Dinah Peskin, Noted Israeli actress and dancer.

Dec. 20th—Participation in All-Brooklyn YPL Dance Group at Congregation Shaare Torah—held weekly.

Dec. 29th—Debating Team from Brooklyn College and Columbia College—Subject: "Shall We Recognize Communist China?"

The following Interest Groups were started and met intermittently during the season: Oneg Shabbat, Bowling, Music, Bridge and Scrabble, Roller and Ice Skating, Israel Dancing and Arts and Crafts.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

Feb. 24th—Dr. Samuel T. Markoff on "The Hidden Treasures and Dangers in Your Medicine Chest."

Mar. 18th—Gala Purim Party.

Apr. 14th—Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Speaker—"The 300th Anniversary of American Jewry."

Apr. 26th—Yiddish Film Festival—"The Dybbuk" and "Green Fields."

May 13th—Symposium—"Marriage—Its Religious, Medical and Sociological Aspects"—Speakers: Rabbi Reuben Katz of Temple B'nai Israel, Freeport, L. I., Dr. Samuel A. Wolfe, Hon. Louis Lorence—Election of Officers.

May 22nd—Annual Cabaret Night.

June 16th—Installation of Officers.

Sept. 23rd—Reception to Mr. Arthur Safier, retired President of the YMG.

Oct. 26th—Orientation of new members.

Nov. 9th—Meeting—Study of the Book of Ruth.

Nov. 23rd—Meeting—Presentation of a film dealing with family life—Special Thanksgiving surprise held.

Dec. 2nd—Participation in Center Dinner in behalf of Federation.

Dec. 14th—Participation in lectures series sponsored jointly with the Z.O.A., and Hadassah.

Dec. 28th—Gala Hanukkah entertainment—Gift exchange.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Jan. 5th—Open School Month Conferences.

Jan. 12th—Pedagogic Council.

Jan. 17th—Distribution of Tu B'Shvat fruits.

Jan. 18th—Tu B'Shvat Assembly.

Jan. 24th—High School Community Breakfast.

Jan. 31st—End of First Semester.

Feb. 3rd—"Meet the Faculty" Gathering.

Feb. 12th—Lecture by Rabbi M. H. Lewittes at Jewish Education Committee on "Supervision of the Hebrew School."

Mar. 3rd—Laymen's Conference on "Role of Hebrew Education Committee" by Mr. Julius Kushner.

Mar. 14th—Purim Entertainment.
Mar. 17th and 18th—Reading of Megillah.

Mar. 21st—Third Annual Assembly on Jewish Education.

Apr. 3rd—Junior Congregation Oneg Shabbat.

Apr. 4th—Hebrew Dance Festival.

Apr. 9th—Post Bar Mitzvah Late Friday Night Service.

Apr. 13th—Model Seder.

May 1st—Junior Congregation Service in Adult Synagogue.

May 9th—Israeli Independence Day Assembly.

May 15th—Joint Service of Junior Congregation with Petach Tikvah.

May 16th and 17th—U.J.A. Film Festival.

May 19th and 20th—Lag B'Omer Athletic Events.

June 7th—Consecration Exercises.

June 12th—Baccalaureate Service.

June 13th—Graduation Exercises.

June 20th—Choral Group Party.

June 21st and 22nd—Closing Assemblies.

June 22nd—Reception for Faculty at home of Mrs. Sarah Epstein.

Sept. 9th—Opening Faculty Meeting.

Sept. 12th—First session of Hebrew School.

Sept. 28th and 29th—Rosh Hashanah Junior and Children's Congregation Services.

Oct. 19th—Simchat Torah Procession.

Oct. 24th—High School Community Breakfast—Speaker, Mr. Leo Shpall on "Tercentenary."

Oct. 29th—P.T.A. Meeting—Speaker, Rabbi Zuckerman.

Nov. 21st—Assembly in honor of Center's 35th Anniversary.

Dec. 19th—Hanukkah Entertainment.

Dec. 22nd—P.T.A. Hanukkah Meeting.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR ADULTS.

(Affiliated with the National Academy for Adult Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.) Twenty-second season.

Mr. Julius Kushner, *Chairman, Hebrew Education Committee.*

Dr. Reuben Finkelstein, *Chairman, Adult Institute.*

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, *Director.*

Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, *Associate Director.*

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, *Registrar.*

Religion: Wednesday evenings, 8:30-10, Dr. Benjamin Kreitman, Instructor.

Jewish History: Wednesday evenings, 7-8, Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

Hebrew A-1: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew A-2: Wednesday evenings, 7-8, Mr. David Slominsky, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mr. Aaron Krumbein, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Instructor.

Hebrew D: Wednesday evenings, 8-9, Mr. George J. Snow, Instructor.

Advanced Hebrew: Wednesday evenings, 8-9:30, Mrs. Nehama Cohen, Instructor.

Hebrew A: Monday mornings, 10-11:30, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew B: Monday mornings, 11:30-12:30, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew C: Thursday mornings, 10-11, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Hebrew D: Thursday mornings, 11-12, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman, Instructor.

Philosophy of Jewish Religion: Tuesday mornings, 10-12, Dr. M. Freedman, Instructor.

(b) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

Students of junior and senior high school age meet every Saturday morning and during holidays in the Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered by the members of the Hebrew School faculty and guest speakers. High Holy Day services for the Junior Congregation are held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

(c) CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION.

Special services are held each Sabbath for children below the age of 11. The Children's Congregation also meets during the High Holy Days. The teacher in charge is Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

The upper grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-6 P.M. and on Sunday from 9:40-11:30 A.M. The lower grades meet on Monday and on Wednesday from 4-6 P.M. and on Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum, which covers six years of work, includes Hebrew conversation, Humash, Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history, Jewish current

events and Hebrew songs. Boys older than 10 are not admitted to the beginners' class.

Primary and Two-Day-a-Week Department: Classes from 1st to 4th grades meet on Sunday from 10-12 A.M. Beginning with the 5th grade, girls attend one afternoon a week in addition to Sunday morning.

High School Department:

(a) Greater N. Y. Hebrew High School. Graduates of the Hebrew School and of the Center Academy are eligible to join this school, a branch of which meets three times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish Center. The course covers four years of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew and history.

(b) Post Bar Mitzvah Fellowship. Students continue their studies for a two-year period beyond Bar Mitzvah. In addition to their study of history and Bible, the students conduct morning services on Sunday in conjunction with the community breakfasts arranged by the Parent-Teachers Association. The last late Friday night service of the year is devoted to the graduates of this group.

(c) Consecration Class. Graduates of the Hebrew School, Center Academy and Sunday School are eligible to join the Consecration class which meets on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises are held on the first day of Shavuoth.

(d) Post-Graduate Class. This is a two-year extension course in Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the Hebrew School and Center Academy. Students meet for a three-hour session on Sunday morning.

(e) Senior Group. Upper grade high school students who have completed a preliminary course may enroll in this group which meets on Sunday morning for the study of Jewish Ethics and current problems. This is a two-year course.

HEBREW SCHOOL FACULTY

Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, *Director*.

Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, *Principal*.

Mrs. E. N. Rabinowitz, *Registrar*.

Mr. David Weintraub, *Music Instructor*.

Mrs. Jean Serbin-Beder, Mr. Hyman Campeas, Mrs. Roslyn Campeas, Mrs. Nehama Cohen, Mr. Irving Gabel, Mr. Daniel Greenstein, Mr. Albert Kaminsky, Mr. Aaron Krumbein, Mrs. Rose Rosen-

thal, Mrs. Betty Rothberg, Mr. Nathan Savitsky, Mr. Leo Shpall, Mr. David Slominsky, Mr. George J. Snow, Mrs. Paula Weinreb, Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Primary and Two-Day-A-Week Faculty

Mrs. Mimi Alter, Miss Ilene Altman, Miss Tobia Brown, Mrs. Lila Cohen, Mrs. Helen Freedman, Mrs. Rebecca Greenseid, Mr. Jacob Grumet, Mr. Robert Kritz, Mr. Harold Kushner, Miss Renee Rosenbaum, Mrs. Ganya Spinrad, Mrs. Miriam Tessler.

Saturday Afternoon Class

Meets every Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Lectures in Yiddish by Rabbi Gerson Abelson and guest speakers.

Class In Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon throughout the year. Rabbi Jacob S. Doner, Instructor.

CENTER ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

Jan. 6th—Theatre Party sponsored by the P.T.A.

Jan. 18th—Tu B'shevat Assembly—Musical Program—Israeli movie shown—Distribution of fruits to commemorate the holiday.

Jan. 20th—P.T.A. Meeting—Celebration of Jewish Music Month—Mr. Sholom Secunda, Speaker—Center Choral Group renders selections—Guest artists, Cantor William Sauler and Miss Judith Stemmer.

Jan. 22nd—Beginning of March of Dimes Drive, under the auspices of the Student Council of the Center Academy.

Feb. 12th—Lincoln's Birthday Celebration—followed by School Fair—Student Council conducted auction in each grade, attended by parents and students.

Feb. 17th—P.T.A. Meeting—Forum on the subject: "Is the United Nations accomplishing its Purpose"—Conducted by the pupils of the Eighth Grade.

Mar. 17th—Purim Celebration—Costumes, singing and dancing—Exchange of Shalach Monot (gifts).

Mar. 18th—Reading of the Megilla for the pupils by Rev. Meyer Rogoff.

Apr. 15th—Passover Seder conducted by the pupils of Grade 8—All grades participating.

May 7th—Israeli "Independence Day" Celebration—Musical Program, an Israeli film was shown.

May 18th—P.T.A. Meeting—Installation of officers.

May 21st—Lag B'Omer picnic for all grades—A gala fete arranged by Mr. Barney Ain in Prospect Park.

June 9th—Graduation Exercises—Presentation of diplomas by Rabbi Israel H. Levinthal.

June 11th—School closes for the Summer Holiday.

Sept. 13th—School reopened for the year 1954-55.

Oct. 5th—P.T.A. Tea for new mothers.

Oct. 11th—Succoth festivity celebration on the roof of the Brooklyn Jewish Center in the Succah—Highlighted by prayers and singing of songs characteristic of the Succoth holiday—Fruits and other refreshments served.

Oct. 27th—P.T.A. Meeting—Dr. Henry Agin, psychiatrist, guest speaker.

Nov. 11th—Open School Day.

Nov. 16th—Classroom meeting followed by a book exhibit and sale of books—A Hanukkah table was arranged by Mrs. William Sauler—The exhibit was arranged by the 8th grade.

Nov. 22nd—Assembly in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Brooklyn Jewish Center—An original play was presented by the Seventh Grade, depicting the history of the Jewish Center, and the leadership of Dr. Levinthal.

Dec. 14th—P.T.A. Hanukkah Celebration—An operetta was presented by grades five through eight, under the direction of Miss Naomi Nathanson—A Hebrew play was written and produced by the 6th grade under the direction of Miss Claire Schwartz—The choral group rendered several selections.

Dec. 16th—P.T.A. Theatre Party.

Dec. 20th—Hanukkah Celebration—Grades Kindergarten through 4th participated.

The following is a list of the faculty of the Center Academy:

Director—Mrs. Anna S. Lesser; Helen Rose, Ruth Lane, Shirley Bissick, Mildred Sucov, Suzanne Goozman, Diana Wolman, Hilda Kadish, Seman Unterman, Marvin Weitz, Dorothy Rothbaum. *Hebrew Staff: Head of Department*—Mr. Leo Shpall; Shirley Bissick, Claire Schwartz, Daniel Greenstein. *Art*—Mr. Louis Harris. *Music*—Naomi Nathanson.

BAR MITZVAHS

Michael Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ginsberg—Jan. 23rd.

Jonathan Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsh—Feb. 6th.

Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sussman—Mar. 6th.

Edward S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Broidy—Mar. 13th.

Donald Fried, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fried—Mar. 20th.

David Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldstein—Apr. 3rd.

Joel Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Nisselson—May 1st.

Michael Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weiss—May 1st.

Gerson Zvec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lemberger—May 15th.

Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Granowsky—May 15th.

Gordon Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Levy—May 22nd.

Stephen Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swirsky—May 22nd.

Jonathan Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris H. Greenberg—May 29th.

Emanuel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Marritt—May 29th.

Charles Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Dyner—May 29th.

Robert Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Friedman—June 5th.

Michael M., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gotkin—June 12th.

Marshall Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Huberman—June 19th.

Joel Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wantman—June 19th.

Alan Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Pinkwasser—June 26th.

Elliot Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Birnbaum—July 10th.

Ira, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greenberg—July 10th.

Stephen, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Horowitz—Sept. 11th.

Stephen A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer A. Goetz—Sept. 18th.

Gerald Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Goldstein—Oct. 9th.

Seth D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Corwin—Oct. 30th.

Jerome Isaac, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Neuman—Nov. 6th.

CENTER CLUBS

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP — Young married members. Social and cultural activities. Meets monthly.

YOUNG FOLKS' LEAGUE — Unmarried Center members as well as children of members, men over 21 years and girls over 18 years. Meets weekly.

JUNIOR LEAGUES — Young men and young girls of college age convene alternate Thursday nights for regular meetings or interest groups respectively. Mr. Hyman Brickman, Leader.

Clubs for boys under 14, meet every Saturday night and follow a program of athletic, cultural and social activities:

ISRAEL—Martin Askowitz, Leader.

MACCABEES—Daniel Pressner, Leader.

TZOFIM—William Rosenthal, Leader.

Clubs for girls under 13, meet every Saturday night for cultural and social activities, with gymnasium and pool once a month:

DEBORAH—Miriam Feldman, Leader.

AVIVA—Henrietta Askowitz, Leader.

SHOSHANA—Rosalie Denker, Leader.

Clubs, all co-ed and affiliated with United Synagogue Youth, meet every Saturday night and follow activities planned by the Center and the National U.S.Y.:

TIKVAH—Haviva Langenauer, Leader.

CARMEL—Aryae Weinman, Leader.

AKIBA—Estelle Epstein, Leader.

HILLEL—Marvin Shapiro, Leader.

HERZL—Arthur Langenauer, Leader.

BIALIK—Alex Deutsch, Leader.

ONEG SHABBAT GROUP—Meets every Saturday afternoon for a program appropriate for the Sabbath: discussions, Hebrew singing and dancing. Affiliated with United Synagogue Youth. Murray Lehrer, Leader.

Richard Stadin, Director of Athletics.

Donald Adolph, Instructor of Swimming.

Mr. Hyman Brickman, Supervisor of Youth Activities.

Center Clubs are open to the children of Center members and to the students of Center schools. The clubs are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Kreitman.

JUNIOR LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Jan. 7th—Program No. 5 (final) of Series No. 1: "Zionist Ideal in Tradition—the Link to Israel"—Talk and film.

Jan. 14th—Jewish Music Month—Re-

cordings and instruction in Jewish and Hebrew music.

Jan. 21st—Final nomination of officers —Business meeting — Community Singing.

Jan. 28th—Israeli films — Election of officers.

Feb. 4th — "Juvenile Drug Addiction and its Relation to Juvenile Delinquency," by Mr. Norman Felig, Assistant District Attorney, Kings County.

Feb. 11th — Jewish Music Festival — Mr. Sholom Secunda on, "Jewish Influence in Popular Music Today."

Feb. 18th — Final number of series: "Jewish Religious Values for Our Time" —Mr. Lawrence Meyer on: "The Zionist Ideal in Tradition—The Link to Israel."

Feb. 25th—Inauguration of Series No. 2: "Heroes of Israel" — Program No. 1: Hannah Senesh.

Mar. 4th—*Jewish Communal Organizations*: HIAS—Mr. Hyman Brickman.

Mar. 11th—Purim observance — Presentation of Eternal Light Script.

Mar. 18th — Purim party following Megillah reading. (Including pint-size Hamantashen.)

Mar. 25th—*Heroes of Israel*: No. 2 — Joseph Trumpeldor.

Apr. 1st—Vocational Guidance—film and talk.

Apr. 8th—*Jewish Communal Organizations*: United Synagogue—Mr. Irvin I. Rubin.

Apr. 15th — Passover program — Excerpts from the Seder service.

Apr. 22nd—Matzo Ball (semi-formal).

Apr. 29th—*Heroes of Israel*: No. 3 — Simon Bar Kochba.

May 6th — Israel Independence Day program.

May 13th—*Jewish Communal Organizations*: American Jewish Committee—Address by Mr. Louis S. Breier.

May 20th—Retrospect and Prospect.

May 23rd — Starlight Semi-formal Dance.

May 27th—Game Night.

June 3rd—Novelty Night.

June 10th—Community Sing.

June 17th—Evaluation session—Final plans for Farewell Social.

June 28th—Farewell Social.

Note: The Junior League was separated into two sections for the new season:

(1) *Junior League I* is for college freshmen boys and high school senior girls.

(2) *Junior League II* is for college sophomore boys and college freshmen girls.

Oct. 21st — II — Election symposium and debate: Hon. Neil M. Lieblich, Mr. Grover M. Moscovitz, Jr.

Oct. 28th—I—Game night.

Nov. 4th—I, II—Israeli dancing, led by Miss Florence Nesh.

Nov. 11th — I — Vocational guidance program, courtesy of Federation Employment and Guidance Service.

Nov. 18th—II—Tercentenary program—No. 1: The historical facts.

Nov. 25th — I, II — Thanksgiving Dance.

Dec. 2nd—I—Social and economic discrimination—Discussion led by representative of American Jewish Committee.

Dec. 9th—II—Impression night; Jewish book program.

Dec. 16th — I — Hanukkah program; "Eternal Light" presentation.

Dec. 23rd — II — Hanukkah program and play.

Dec. 24th — I, II — Symposium by Junior Leagues at Late Friday Night Services: "The Tercentenary — Retrospect and Prospect."

Dec. 30th — I, II — New Year's Eve Social.

YOUTH GROUPS

Jan. 2nd—Game Night.

Jan. 9th—*Tu Bishvat* program. *All clubs*—Midyear reorganization, with new elections of officers and committees. *Older clubs*—Reports of U.S.Y. delegates.

Jan. 16th — Inauguration of *Jewish Music Month*. *Older clubs*—Reports and discussions by U.S.Y. delegates.

Jan. 23rd—*Heroes of Israel* series. Program No. 1: *Theodore Herzl*.

Jan. 30th—Second series of special sessions in observance of Jewish Music Month.

Feb. 6th—Game Night.

Feb. 7th — First meeting of Hebrew Speaking Group.

Feb. 13th—*Heroes of Israel* series. Program No. 2: *Eliezer Ben Yehudah*.

Feb. 16th—Meeting of Youth Council.

Feb. 20th — *Brotherhood Week* program.

Feb. 21st—Meeting of Hebrew Speaking Group.

Feb. 27th—Final series of special sessions in observance of Jewish Music Month — Initial plans for Purim observance.

Mar. 2nd—Meeting of Youth Council.

Mar. 6th—*Jewish Music Festival*, all clubs participating.

Mar. 13th — *Purim program* — Plans discussed for carnival.

Mar. 20th — Purim Carnival and Masquerade Ball.

Mar. 27th — *Heroes of Israel* series. Program No. 3: *Hannab Senesh*.

Apr. 3rd—Game Night.

April 10th—Passover program.

Apr. 22nd — Third Seder of U.S.Y. clubs and guests from other Centers.

May-June—By decision of the Youth Activities Committee, the Center remained open during these two months for club activities on Saturday nights. The social rooms were used when available, and the roof when the weather permitted.

Sept. 14th—Joint meeting of staff and Youth Activities Committee.

Sept. 18th — Formal opening of club season—Election of officers—"Break the ice" games.

Sept. 25th—High Holy Day program.

Oct. 2nd — Gym and pool activities begin—Game night.

Oct. 9th — Succoth program and socials.

Oct. 16th—*Succoth* socials and observance — Candy and flags distributed to younger clubs.

Oct. 23rd — *Tercentenary* — No. 1: Historical Facts (partial).

Oct. 30th — *Election Issues*: Discussions, debates, symposia, etc., on the forthcoming elections. Younger clubs—talent night.

Nov. 6th — Girls' night in gym and pool. Younger clubs—story hour; party games; table games. Older Clubs—amateur hour; talent night; square dancing; community singing.

Nov. 13th — *Tercentenary* — No. 2: Historical Facts (concluded). Sections I and II of special memorandum.

Nov. 11th—Regional U.S.Y. Convention.

Nov. 20th—*Thanksgiving* program.

Nov. 27th — *Thanksgiving* parties, dramatizations and other events.

Dec. 4th — Girls' night in gym and pool. Younger clubs—party games; table

games; story hour. Older clubs—amateur hour, talent night; square dancing; community singing.

Dec. 11th — *Tercentenary* — No. 3: Quiz contests and games.

Dec. 18th — Special U.S.Y. dance in gym.

Dec. 25th—Hanukkah socials and celebrations; ritual.

Dec. 26th—U.S.Y. Convention—Record delegation from Brooklyn Jewish Center.

Dec. 26th-Jan. 2nd—School vacation period—Each club to plan trip to a place of interest, in lieu of or in addition to meeting of Jan. 1st—See special memorandum on trips.

Membership Applications

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The following have applied for reinstatement:

BLECKNER, HAROLD: Single; Res.: 1504 Union St.; Bus.: Clerk, 7 Central Park West; *Proposed by* Dr. Samuel T. Markoff.

DANZIGER, JOSEPH: Widower; Res.: 802 Eastern Pkwy.; Retired; *Proposed by* Jack Serman, Harold W. Hammer.

SCHECHTER, SAM: Single; Res.: 77 Eastern Pkwy.; Bus.: Coats, 1333 Bway.

ZWERDLING, TOBIAS: Married; Res.: 187 Lefferts Blvd., Woodmere, L. I.; Bus.: Real Estate, 26 Court St.; *Proposed by* David Spiegel, Harold W. Hammer.

Additional Applications

HELLER, JUDGE LOUIS B.: Married; Res.: 435 Crown St.; Bus.: Associate Justice, Court of Special Sessions; *Proposed by* Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Dr. Moses Spatt.

WANDER, NATHANIEL: Married; Res.: 27 Prospect Pl.; Bus.: Iron Works, 421 Bruckner Blvd.; *Proposed by* Harold W. Hammer.

FRANK SCHAEFFER,
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modern theory of socialism and humanitarianism" to the Mosaic Code, and hailed Marx and Lassalle as modern Jewish prophets. She who had been kept away from the slums and sweatshops of New York, became interested in the living conditions of the English proletarians when she visited Britain. She developed a friendship with the English poet, craftsman and social reformer, William Morris, praising him for his "burning desire to bring all classes of humanity" under the benign influence of beauty, dissociating herself, in the same breath, with what once had been her own characteristics, namely "sickly and selfish aestheticism." She engaged in a correspondence with the economic reformer, Henry George, and published a sonnet about his "Progress and Poverty" dealing with his Single Tax system, in such an ordinarily conservative paper as the *New York Times*.

Even the poetical forms she used in her last years were less conventional than those of her beginnings. "By the Waters of Babylon," her last work to be published in her lifetime, consists of little poems written in lengthy lines somewhat reminiscent of those which Walt Whitman had introduced into American literature. Challenging the mental and spiritual lethargy of a people that produced Maimonides, the poets of the Span-

ish Golden Age, Moses Mendelssohn, and Heine, mortally ill Emma, an incurable victim of cancer, asked in bitter earnest:

But thou—has thou faith in the fortune of Israel?

Wouldst thou lighten the anguish of Jacob?

Then shalt thou take the hand of yonder caftaned wretch with flowing curls and gold-pierced ears;

Who crawls blinking forth from the loathsome recesses of the Jewry;

Nerveless his fingers, puny his frame; haunted by the batlike phantoms of superstition in his brain.

Thou shalt say to the bigot, "My Brother," and to the creature of darkness, "My Friend."

And the heart shall spend itself in fountains of love upon the ignorant, the coarse, and the abject.

Then in the obscurity thou shalt hear a rush of wings, thine eyes shall be bitten with pungent smoke.

And close against thy quivering lips shall be pressed the live coal wherewith the Seraphim brand the Prophets.

Science and Man

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bomb. We are now dominated by the power which our increased scientific understanding has given us over nature.

We have the atomic bomb and the death and desolation of Hiroshima and the sulphur drugs, which would have saved my father's life had they been known twenty years ago. We have the radio which was used as a foul instrument of propaganda of hate by Hitler. The small instrumentality was used by Churchill to rally the people of the world to end the Nazi bestiality.

This two-sidedness is not characteristic of science but of all human endeavors and power. The gift of song can inflame the wickedness in the hearts of men; it can also soothe and heal. The spoken word can lead men to evil and to the paths of righteousness. The hand can kill and can carry the gift of charity.

The human race is embarked on a search for knowledge from which there is no retreat. We already know so much that it is dangerous not to know more. Just as a child who has just learned to walk must learn much more in order not to walk into mortal danger. When man was thrown out of the Garden of Eden he embarked on a search for knowledge and only through that continuing search can he hope to construct another good life.

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